



Maplewood Middle School

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Dear Maplewood Middle School Families,

We are eagerly preparing for your return to MMS for the 2018-19 school year. Middle school offers your child the chance to make new friends, join clubs and activities, and form habits of mind that will aid them in their personal and academic growth in the years ahead. We are so glad to be on this journey with you and your child.

Welcome New Staff-We've worked very hard since last spring to select the best and most qualified faculty and staff to work with our learners. We have also secured new positions to better support our diverse learning needs at MMS. We are proud to welcome the following new members to the MMS community:

Gina Viggiano-Health/PE

Christine Kleinwaks-Science

Taylor Harris-Academic Intervention

Catherine Lazan-Social Worker

Dominique Laing-ELA

Avis Gibbons-Williams-Spanish

Heather Weinberg-Special Education

Valencia Henry-CST Social Worker

Marc Kessler-Math

Raquel Ayala-Math

Lydia Frasier-ISTEP

Sara Miller-Art

We want to engage our MMS community more often through social media. If you have not yet done so, please follow us on Twitter @MMSCougarPride. Here we highlight the exciting and innovative things happening at MMS.

Summer 2018 Highlights

Summer Intervention Program-34 rising 7th and 8th grade learners attended our program. They received support in Math, ELA, Social Studies and Science. Thank you Mr. Mantes, Ms. Graham, Ms. Schlatmann, and Mr. Uche for your great work! And we are grateful to Rent Party, Our Lady of Sorrows, and Village Trattoria who sponsored mid-day snacks and a culminating pizza party for our students!

Summer Bridge-Mr. Mantes, Ms. O'Sullivan, Ms. Dios, Mr. Kaplan and Ms. Silva welcomed some of our incoming 6th graders the week of August 20! Students engaged in team building activities, met MMS administration, completed an MMS scavenger hunt, practiced study skills, and geared up for MMS life.

Important Notes

Back to School Night-Save the date! Back to School Night is **Thursday, September 13, 2018**. At 6:15 there will be a **meet and greet with the principal** in the MMS library media center for **families of students with Special Needs and 504 accommodations**. At 6:45pm in the MMS auditorium, there will be greetings from the principal. Classroom visits during which you will meet your child's teachers will begin promptly at 7pm and will conclude at 9pm. See you there!

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications-Please be sure to complete these very important applications as part of your "WHITE ENVELOPE" coming home with your child. These applications ensure that our children who need meals subsidized are taken care of. The completion of the form from all families also allows MMS to get federal funding to service the needs of our diverse student population. The "WHITE ENVELOPE" is also posted in the SOMSD digital backpack this year.

* Please note that attached schedules are subject to change. Your child will receive a final copy on Day 1. See you next week!

Dara Crocker Gronau, Maplewood Middle School Principal ***PLEASE FLIP OVER FOR FIRST DAY INFO!**

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WHERE STUDENTS REPORT ON THEIR FIRST DAY

On Thursday, September 6, 6th graders will report to the front entrance of the school on Burnet Street. You will be greeted by your teachers.

On Thursday, September 6, 7th graders will report to the courtyard on Maple Ave. You will report directly to your 1st period class.

On Friday, September 7, 8th graders will enter through the front entrance on Burnet Street and report directly to your 1st period class.