

August 9, 2019

Greetings Maple View Families:

I hope this finds you in the middle of a long and enjoyable summer break. I have returned from my vacation, and am busy preparing for the upcoming school year. Our fall orientation will be run a little differently than in the past:

- 7th and 8th grade students will come to orientation on Wednesday, August 28th
- 6th grade students will have their orientation on Thursday, August 29th.

Details, depending on your grade level, are explained below.

If you are going to be a 7th or 8th grade student, we would like you to come to school on 8/28 between 8:00 – 11:00 AM. There will be three things for you to accomplish while you are here. You will pick up your schedule, have your picture taken and pay your fees. If you would like to avoid standing in line to pay fees, you can do that online. Go to the Maple View website, look under quick links and click on online payments. All fees can be paid quickly and easily through this process. When you have completed these three steps, you are finished and we will see you on September 3rd, the first day of school. **If you are a new student to the district**, you are welcome to come at 8:00 AM on Thursday, 8/29 and participate in our WEB orientation along with our incoming 6th grade students. See the next paragraph for details.

If you are a 6th grade student, parents will drop you off in the gym at 8:00 AM on 8/29. You will be participating in our WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) orientation where you will meet a great group of staff members and 8th grade leaders who will take you through everything that you need to know for the beginning of school. This will include getting your class schedule and walking to all of your classes. It will also include a number of fun activities designed to help you meet new friends and learn where everything is on our campus. WEB will go from 8:00 AM – 12:00. Parents, at noon you will go to the gym to pick up your student. Next, you will get your pictures taken, pay your fees and then your orientation will be complete. If you want, you can pay your fees online just like the 7th and 8th grade students above.

All incoming 6th grade students need a Tdap vaccination. Students attending sixth grade are required to show proof of the Tdap vaccination for entry into sixth grade. The only exceptions are: the student who is younger than 11 years old on the first day of school or the student that has previously received a Tdap vaccination. The Tdap is different from DTaP vaccines that were administered prior to attending Kindergarten.

Please remember Maple View Middle School must have updated documentation of all immunizations before the first day of school.

Attached is the Tdap paper work. Please complete it and return this document to the school with the dates of your child's immunizations. [Tdap Immunization Requirement 2019.pdf](#)

If you any questions please contact Angela Davis, RN, Nurse at Maple View Middle School @ 425-413-5550, (email) adavis@tahomasd.us or Jennifer Lyons, RN, Nurse Coordinator Tahoma School District @ 425-413-3488 (email) jlyons@tahomasd.us

Just a reminder, if your student is wanting to participate in athletics this year they need to have a current sports physical. Sports physicals are current for two years. If your child needs a physical, it would be good to schedule it now as doctors' schedules fill up quickly as school approaches. There are a few other things that need to be completed to participate, they can all be found online. Go to the Maple View website under activities and click on either 6th or 7th and 8th grade sports.

One additional date that I want you to be aware of now is the date for the Maple View Middle School Open House. It will take place on Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 PM. Your student will be bringing home additional information on the first day of school.

Last year we **updated the cell phone policy for MVMS**. The new policy is below:

“Away for the day”

“Personal telecommunications devices” are prohibited during the time students are on campus for school or school sponsored activities. This includes any/all cellular phones as well as any device that uses cell data or internet allowing communication between students via calling, texting, or social media apps for all purposes not expressly related to assigned classroom tasks. (i.e. tablets, ipods, smart watches) In addition, headphones/earbuds are to be packed and away in students' backpacks.

If any devices are used during the day, they may be confiscated and held in the office for pick up.

This is based on work done by our ad hoc discipline committee made up of parents, staff and students. It was also following the showing of “Screenagers” for the community. This policy also puts in line with the other middle school in our district. We believe it is in the best interest of our students.

I hope you are having a great summer and I look forward to seeing you on August 28th and 29th.

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Kenneth A. McGrath

Principal

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