



We Build Futures

Neshaminy School District

Maple Point Middle School • 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road • Langhorne, PA 19047

Dear Maple Point Students and Parents,

Greetings from Maple Point Middle School! My name is Andy Sokol and I am the principal of Maple Point Middle School. I am excited and honored to lead Maple Point as this is my 8th year as principal. This is a new year like no other. We have worked to prepare for an ever-changing target and even as this newsletter is prepared things change! This letter is solely focused on the month of **September and the start of school**. I want you to know that we will do everything that is in our control for your children. We will work to deliver the best education possible, build relationships in different ways until we return, and support families the best that we can. We are only an email or phone call away.

20-21
**SEPTEMBER
WELCOME
BACK
PARENTS AND
STUDENTS!!!**

Student Schedule Release

Student schedules will be available on Home Access on August 26 at 4:00 pm. Please make sure of your log in information prior to that time. We understand that schedules may be difficult to read when you first see them online. This is something we would normally be able to go over with students on the first day. Therefore, a video will be coming out next week to better explain how to follow your child's schedule.

START OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The best place to find all information about the start of school is the Neshaminy School District website. If you visit this link: <https://www.neshaminy.org/reopen>, it will take you to the page where all information can be found. It has the most up to date calendar for school opening, in school orientations, and asynchronous and synchronous learning.



OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS – This is for all students and will take place through the month of **September**. Please see the **September** calendar for your child's day to come in. This is optional for students. Students will follow a full day in school.

SEPTEMBER CALENDARS

Neshaminy School District

Re-Opening of Schools, Recommendation 3.0

Stage I: Online Learning through October 2 with Synchronous Fridays

Phase-in, Staggered Grades In-School Days to teach & learn new safety procedures in school

Blue: Last Names A-K, **Red:** Last Names L-Z
With necessary adjustments for individual family needs

SEPTEMBER 2020 (Online Learning with Staggered Student Orientations)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31 Staff Only	1 Staff Only	2 Staff Only	3 Staff Only (Parent School Tours)	4 Staff Only (Parent School Tours)
7 Labor Day *No School	8 Students K-12 First Day of School (Online Synchronously with Welcome Meetings)	9 All Grades Asynchronous Online	10 All Grades Asynchronous Online	11 All Grades Online Synchronous Instruction (Test Run)
14	15	16	17	18
Online Learning All Students K-12				
<u>In School Orientation</u> Grades K, 5, 9 Blue All Other Grades Asynchronous Online	<u>In School Orientation</u> Grades K, 5, 9 Red All Other Grades Asynchronous Online	<u>In School Orientation</u> Grades 1, 6, 10 Blue All Other Grades Asynchronous Online	<u>In School Orientation</u> Grade 1, 6, 10 Red All Other Grades Asynchronous Online	All Grades Online Synchronous Instruction
21	22	23	24	25
Online Learning All Students K-12				
<u>In School Orientation</u> Grades 2, 7, 11 Blue All Other Grades Asynchronous Online	<u>In School Orientation</u> Grades 2, 7, 11 Red All Other Grades Asynchronous Online	<u>In School Orientation</u> Grades 3, 8, 12 Blue All Other Grades Asynchronous Online	<u>In School Orientation</u> Grade 3, 8, 12 Red All Other Grades Asynchronous Online	All Grades Online Synchronous Instruction
28 Yom Kippur *No School	29 <u>In School Orientation</u> Grade 4 Blue All Other Grades Asynchronous Online Board Meeting 7:00 PM	30 <u>In School Orientation</u> Grade 4 Red All Other Grades Asynchronous Online	1 All Grades Asynchronous Online	2 All Grades Online Synchronous Instruction

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT - There will be more information to come.

CAFETERIA/LUNCHES- To assist in making purchasing lunch simpler, we are encouraging parents to sign up for School Café online payment. This will limit the need to exchange money. Please visit <https://schoolcafe.com/>

CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Distribution (August 24-September 4, 2020)

Beginning, Monday August 24, 2020, parents/guardians can pick up devices for Neshaminy students. Devices can be picked up anytime Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 8:00 AM-4:00 PM or Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:00-8:00 PM at Neshaminy High School. Appointments are not necessary. Staff will be available during the times outlined for parents to drive up to the distribution site at the High School and request a device.

All 5th grade parents **MUST complete the Parental Form prior to picking up a new device. Please use the link below to access this form.** In addition, each year all 5th grade students will receive a new Chromebook that remains with them until they graduate from Neshaminy. We plan to continue providing all incoming 5th grade students with a new Chromebook. If your child is entering 5th grade, they can pick up their new device during the same distribution window outlined. If your child received a Chromebook last year in 4th grade, you can return the previously borrowed Chromebook when your child picks up the new 5th grade Chromebook, or your child can swap it out when they attend the 5th grade Orientation Day at their school in September.

[Please click on this link to fill out Parental Form](#)

Parents will not need to leave their car for pick-up. A representative from the Technology Department will meet each family at their car. Parents/guardians will be asked to provide the following information for their child/children:

1. First and Last Name
2. Name of School
3. Grade

Once the information above is provided, a device (with power cord and bag) will be scanned and provided for each child. Parents will receive a notification receipt of the specific device received via email. Currently, once you log in to your chrome book, the educational package is not available to students yet. This will be updated shortly.

CANVAS – Maple Point's Learning Management System

For the 2020-21 school year, all teachers are using Canvas. Canvas is the learning management system used by the Neshaminy School District. This is a one-stop shop for information. You can view assignments, and student work. The only information you will not be able to access is student grades. Parents will still use Home Access to view grades.

All students will have a Canvas account. Parents will be directed to a teacher’s Canvas site should they go to a teachers website.

HOME ACCESS CENTER - (HAC)

Please make sure to update all pertinent information at the beginning of the school year and throughout the school year if changes occur.

GUIDANCE - THE GUIDANCE OFFICE CAN BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY AT: **215-809-7234**. Guidance Counselors will see students in all four grade levels and will be broken down alphabetically. Counselor assignments are as follows:

- **Mrs. Kealey – A-D**
- **Mrs. Pullen - E – LA**
- **Mr. Dave Martys – LE – P**
- **Dr. Horsley - Q – Z**

TEAM STRUCTURE FOR GRADES 6 THROUGH 8 - Each of the middle school facilities will include grades six through eight and will be taught by a team of teachers who are mapped to the same student groups.

Team	ENGLISH	READING	SOCIAL ST.	MATH	SCIENCE
A 6th grade	Mrs. Kane Room A-214	Mrs. Harkins Room A-221	Mr. Kauker Room A-207	Mrs. Merchiere Room B-220	Mrs. Lare Room A-219
B 6th grade	Mrs. Johnson Room A-213	Mrs. Gases Room A-212	Mr. Lever Room A-216	Mr. Varell Room A-211 Mr. DiSalvo Room A-215	Ms. Hughes Room A-220
C 7th grade	Mrs. Paris-Powell Room C-211	Mrs. Adamoyurka Room C-210	Ms. Rosales Room C-212	Ms. Zdunczyk Room C-207	Mrs. Schenkel Room B-208
D 7th grade	Ms. Andrusko Room C-215	Ms. Hawkins Room C-220	Mr. Marterella Room C-214	Ms. Turchi Room C-213	Dr. Wilson Room B-209
E 8th grade	Mrs. Foley Room C-230	Mrs. Crooks Room C-232	Ms. Schmidt Room C-229	Mrs. Curley Room B-214	Mrs. Doster Room C-225
F 8th grade	Mrs. Flaville-Boop Room C-231	Mrs. Crooks Room C-232	Mr. Hastings Room C-233	Ms. Reed Room C-224	Mr. Winter Room C-226

5th Grade Teachers and Rooms

Classrooms are scheduled in proximity to each other and this grade will be on its own schedule, not on the daily bell schedule that grades 6-8 follow. Their day will begin at

8:00 a.m. and will contain 120 minutes of ELA and 90 minutes of Math. Students will have one special each day and will also have a recess/break period along with lunch each day. The teachers and rooms are listed below:

Team	Reading	Writing	Math	SS/Science
G	Mrs. Hagedorn Room B-223	Mrs. Blum Room A-233	Mr. Sweeney Room A-234	Mrs. Anderson Room A-237
H	Mrs. O'Boyle Room A-231	Mrs. Goldberg Room A-232	Mr. O'Leary Room A-230	Mrs. Strada Room A-226
I	Mrs. Rice Room A-224	Team Teachers Share	Mr. Weldie Room A-229	Mr. Mitchem Room A-225

STUDENT ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

STUDENT DROP OFF TIMES – NEW THIS YEAR. This year, students will report to their 1st period core class for the day as they enter the building. For 7th grade, this means they report to their 2nd period for attendance purposes. Students may enter starting at 7:25

Students riding the bus, per the Commonwealth's order, must wear a mask.

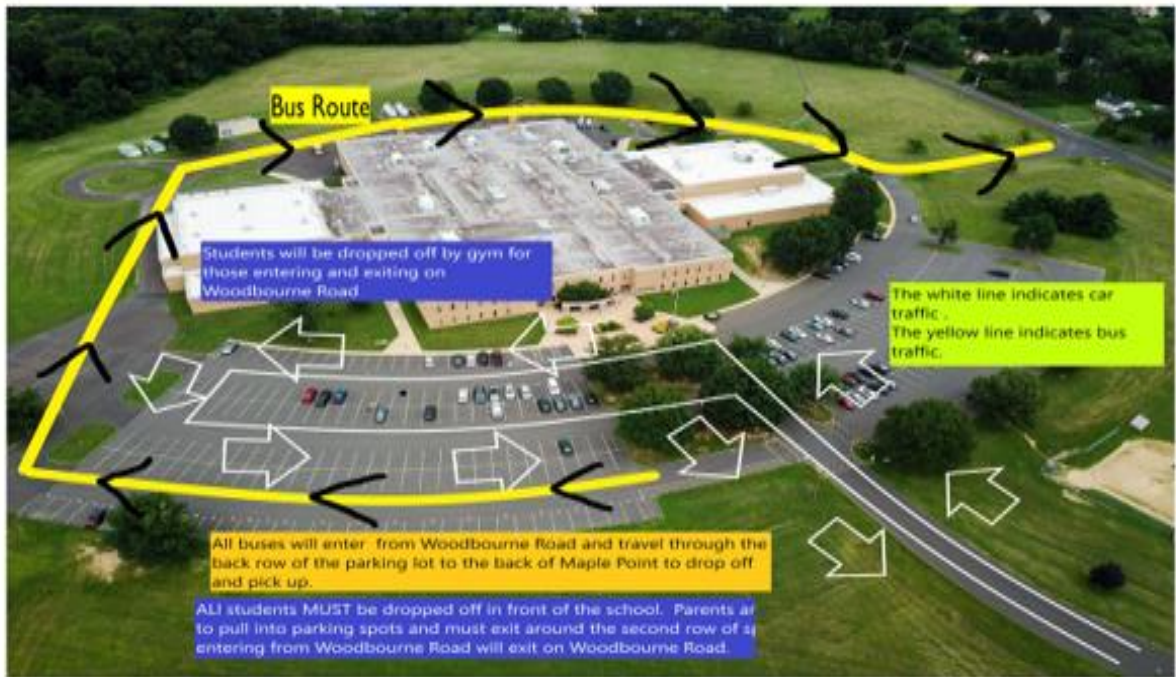
Students are not permitted to enter the building before 7:25 a.m., unless they are involved in a scheduled co-curricular program. For the safety and well-being of all our students as they arrive each day we want to ensure sufficient staff supervision in the building.

NEW...NEW...NEW

- **There are two drop off and pick up points for walkers and car riders. EACH IS A ONE WAY TRAFFIC PATTERN. Please see the pictures following this information.**
- Parents dropping or picking up students off are asked to use either entrance: Langhorne Yardley Road or Woodbourne Road. Whichever you choose, please leave using the same way. We expect more traffic in our parking lots and student safety is PARAMOUNT. Parents are not permitted to park in parking spots to drop or pick up students. Please stay in line and pull up to the gym or auditorium in the car line to have your students enter or exit your car. To help insure the safety of students and drivers, **one-way patterns are in effect at all times during drop off and pick-ups. Parents dropping off and picking up students during bus transport times cannot use the rear parking area. The back of the building is off limits.** Doors will open at 7:25 a.m. and pickup will occur at 2:55 p.m. We ask that you pull close to the curb to avoid blocking the drive.
- We will have adults and signage out to direct traffic as we become familiar with the new traffic patterns. We appreciate your patience as we institute this change in order to make sure students are safe and traffic flows the best that it can.
- Early dismissals and late drop off may still use the front entrance during non-busing times (7:55 – 2:55).

Please review the pictures for drop off and arrival procedures. All buses will enter from Woodbourne Road and travel the yellow route to the back of the building to drop off and pick up students.

WOODBOURNE ROAD CAR TRAFFIC PATTERN



LANGHORNEYARDLEY ROAD TRAFFIC PATTERN



Twitter and Instagram!!! We want to meet students where they live.

Please follow Maple Point on Twitter at: Maple Point MS @MP_MrSokol

Please follow Maple Point on Instagram at: maplepointms

In conclusion, the Maple Point family will work to instill a work ethic and values that will follow your student through graduation. We understand the challenges that are before us this year. We will do everything in our power to give our students the best year possible!!! We will follow our mission statement, which is "The Neshaminy community builds futures by empowering each child to become a productive citizen and a lifelong learner." We will deliver educational opportunities that will prepare our students for the next stage of their lives. Expectations are that our students will take advantage of these opportunities, work to the best of their ability, and give their best effort. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Together we will put forth great effort to ensure your student will have a fantastic year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andy Sokol

Principal



An FYI...from the District.

"Neshaminy School District has engaged Eagle Industrial Hygiene Assoc., Inc., to fulfill the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), 40 CFR Part 763, Subpart E. This law requires that each Local Education Authority (LEA) engage EPA accredited individuals to initially inspect and subsequently re-inspect every three years all student and staff accessed areas for the presence of both friable and non-friable asbestos containing materials (ACM) and to develop an Asbestos Management Plan from the information developed from the building inspections. All areas of our facilities were inspected for asbestos-containing materials. The Management Plan provides a description of the amount, type, location and condition of all ACM found in these areas. The Plan also contains a detailed schedule of responses and activities for handling the ACM. The Management Plan is available for review by interested parents, faculty and staff in all school offices during business hours.

Sincerely,

***Donald B. Irwin, Jr.
Business Administrator***