



District Update
February 2, 2025

Tuesday, February 4

Hawks & LadyHawks Hoops
HOME vs. Woodcliff Lake
4:00 PM
MAS Large Gym

MEM Homework Tutorials

Thursday, February 6
MEM Homework Tutorials

Friday, February 7
BYBL PLAYOFFS (*Final Four*)
Boys 6:30 pm
Girls 7:45 pm
@ South Hackensack
1 Dyer Avenue, S.H.

Sunday, February 9
Pancake Breakfast
8 am - 12 pm
MAS Cafeteria



MAS Grades 6-8 Academic Distinction

Congratulations to the over 130 students in grades 6-8 who earned Academic Distinction honors in the form of Principal's List, Honor Roll, and Distinguished Honor Roll. The students and their families were celebrated at the Maywood BOE meeting this past Thursday.

Mr. Jordan's welcome address may be found below:

Someone once said that 90% of success in life is just showing up. Although I think that statement has some truth, it does not apply to the kids we are honoring here tonight. Not only do you show up but you dig in and decide that working hard at something is important and purposeful. The kids we honor here tonight may think that the sheet of paper they are receiving, and the cake that they will be devouring, is nothing special but it is our jobs as their families and their school families to remind them of how important it is, and how proud we are of each of them.

A statement that I hear a lot, particularly in sports, is "oh everyone gets a trophy." Maybe getting a medal or trophy for finishing 37th in a soccer tournament that has 38 teams or getting a trophy for being the "world" champions of a competition held in Bogota NJ and not Bogota, Columbia seems a little silly, but the awards that will be bestowed tonight, Principal's List, Honor Roll, and Distinguished Honor Roll, do not fall into the category of everyone gets a trophy. They fall into the category of "you are getting a 'trophy' because you earned it" and put forth the effort that everyone had the chance to, but you decided to go get it.

So you get the sheet of paper and you grab a cookie or slice of cake and it goes away and we never think about it again. Although that may be the case for some, I can tell you that we see these sheets of paper turn into incredible things long after graduation. Because of kids like you who are earning these awards, you helped MAS be ranked as the tenth best middle school in all of Bergen County.

It is because of kids like you that there are over 60 Maywood students now members of the Becton National Honor Society and 3 Maywood students being executive officers on the Becton National honor society executive board. It is because of kids like you that many more Maywood students are in the national honor society in their other high schools and why last year and this year the Valedictorians of Becton are both Maywood students. It is because of kids like you that countless students are graduating in the top of their class at their respective high schools and earning honors in community service, scouting, athletics, the arts, and much more. Lastly it is because of kids like you that last year alone Maywood students accepted admission to schools such as Columbia, Harvard, Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, Villanova, Boston College, Cornell, Northeastern and many more, including excellent local schools in NJ. Every single student I just described, and many more, received the same sheet of paper you are receiving tonight when they were at MAS. So yah, it's just a sheet of paper, but it is important and you should be proud of what you have and will continue to accomplish.

So I conclude with the following statement – It is so much easier to just fail. Think about it. Instead of doing the work, paying attention in class, going the extra mile in a group project, getting through some tough nights of homework and caring about how well you do on an assessment, it is much easier and much less time consuming to just say, forget it, I don't care. You have decided that it may be easier to just not care but it is more important to care

and to care enough that your efforts are recognized in the form of an academic distinction award. Here is why you should be even more proud. You are not just the students who are excelling academically and receiving these awards, but you are also the students who get to school on time, who help their fellow classmates when they need something, who are in the band or choir or art club or cheer team or crochet club, are an ambassador, play a school sport, participate in the play or musical or art show, or participate on the chess team. And don't ever forget this, apples don't make pears. In other words if you think you are this smart and well rounded and participate in everything and are just a plain ol good kid because you are just that cool, don't ever forget that the people sitting in the bleachers have a little bit to do with your success.

Just like you remember your practice schedule, your homework assignments and what you need to know for that math test, you may want to remember once and a while also to say hey thanks and I love you when your parents are least expecting it. Trust me, that is so much more special to them than any amount of certificates you will ever get.

To you, the students being honored, to our incredible MAS teachers/staff who help you get to this night every day in class, and the Memorial teachers/staff who prepared you and provided a foundation to get to this point when you were at Memorial, and to your families for being there for you, I say on behalf of our board of education, job well done, and congratulations.



SAVE THE DATE ! Youth Art Month District Art Show

The Youth Art Month District Art Show with Becton High School has been confirmed for the evening of March 20th in the MAS Large Gym !. ***Please find the attached invite for this event***

There will be a second Art Show that will take place at One Bergen County Plaza for the The Bergen County YAM Student Exhibit. More info will follow as it becomes available.



Cultural Show & Tell

Please see below for Mrs. Chacon's awesome idea for a "Cultural Show & Tell" with her students !

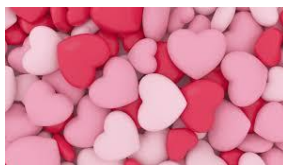
 Show and Tell 2025




Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 25-26 school year is open. Please help to share this information with any Maywood families looking to register their child/children. The information included in the link below can also be found by visiting our Maywood Schools webpage. If you have questions about registration please contact Ms. French, secretary at Memorial School.

[Kindergarten Registration School Year 25-26](#)



Grade 3 Valentine Celebration - FEBRUARY 14

 Save the Date: Valentine's Day Celebration

Grade 5 Valentine Breakfast - FEBRUARY 14

 Grade 5 Breakfast 2025



SOUPERBOWL of CARING

Maywood Avenue School's SOUPERBOWL of Caring Kickoff

It's Back! Our 16th annual SouperBowl of Caring begins Monday, January 27th. The goal of this national event is to provide a variety of nutritious, non-perishable foods to families in need of assistance. The collection will be point-based, with much-needed items earning higher points than those we already have in stock. Participating MAS students in each grade's winning homeroom will receive a prize as a thank you for their commitment to our community. See flyer attached for details.

See attached for more info



6th Grade Annual Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast

We are excited to announce that the annual pancake breakfast will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2025! ALL ARE WELCOME !!!

Grade 6 parents, this event serves as a significant fundraiser to help cover the expenses of the upcoming 6th grade Fairview Lakes trip. Your involvement is crucial to our success, and we need plenty of volunteers to make this event happen. We will be organizing two shifts for volunteers: one for setup and serving from 7 AM to 10 AM and another for serving and clean up from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Guests will be served between the hours of 8 AM and noon. Students are strongly encouraged to participate by serving pancakes, while parents can assist with cooking, checking in guests, and managing drinks and breakfast items. Please fill out the [google form](#)

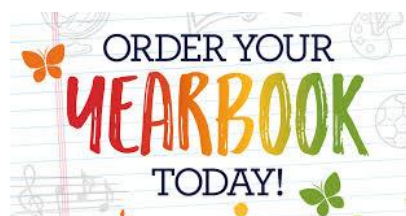
Tickets will be sent home with your students, please check their folders. We highly recommend pre-sale tickets as this helps us order necessary supplies that haven't been donated yet. Please ensure that students write their name and homeroom teacher on the back of each ticket they sell. All funds collected before the event should be submitted to homeroom teachers no later than Friday, January 31, along with the attached ticket form.

Additionally, we welcome any monetary donations that can help cover product costs. If you know anyone who owns a business interested in advertising on our placemats, please let us know—it would be greatly appreciated!

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Grade 8 Yearbook

The 8th Grade Yearbook is well underway, but we are still in desperate need of photos. We have a decent amount of photos from the events that take place during the 8th grade year, but we have very few photos from the Class of 2025's earlier years in Maywood. If you have any photos from the following events, please email them to Mrs. McNamara at emcnamara@maywoodschoools.org.

- Any events from Memorial School
- 4th and 5th Grade (Buehler/Around the World/Luau/etc.)
- 6th and 7th Grade (Sports/Clubs/Fairview Lakes/Liberty Hall/etc.)
- 8th Grade Car Wash
- Any sporting events that are run through the school
- Any club events that are run through the school
- Winter/Spring Concerts
- Talent Shows
- Any of the plays put on through the school
- Any other school event that is not listed above

Yearbooks are available for 8th graders to purchase and will be distributed in June. The cost of the yearbook is \$55 and can be paid on RevTrak or through the link below. Please make sure you are putting your child's first and last name, not your name. **The payment deadline is Friday, May 16th.**

RevTrak Link: <https://maywoodschoools.revtrak.net/>

Please reach out to Mrs. McNamara if you have any questions in regards to the yearbook, photo submissions, or payment.



Maywood Hawks/LadyHawks Hoops Fundraiser

This week we kicked off our biggest fundraiser of the year, it is the Maywood Basketball Tournament. All money raised from the tournament goes directly to offset the 8th grade trips at the end of the year, our goal is for parents to pay as little as possible for these trips. Part of the tournament, and our biggest money maker for the tournament, is selling ad space to local businesses that will appear in programs giving out at the tournament. The attached flyers were handed out to your children this week and explains everything in detail. If you have any questions you can contact Mr. Timmins or Mr. Bonelli.

EXTRA HELP SCHEDULE

District Extra Help Schedules

[MAS Extra Help 2024-25](#)

[MEM Extra Help 24-25](#)



District Events Calendar

We ask that families use the District Events Calendar found below for all calendar related information this school year. The calendar is updated in real time.

[2024-2025 Maywood District Calendar](#)



[Maywood School District Website](#)

