

WELCOME TO

Maple School

2026-2027





Welcome Families!

IT'S TIME TO MAKE THE TRANSITION

Meet Your Principals



DR. KURTZ

PRINCIPAL



MS. JAEGER

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



MS. PRICE

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF STUDENT SERVICES

Common Questions



HOMework

CHANGING CLASSES / GETTING LOST

LOCKERS / LOCKS

ARRIVING LATE TO CLASS / TARDIES

DETENTIONS

TEACHERS

CLASSES

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

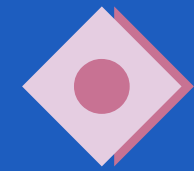
LENGTH OF CLASSES / SCHOOL DAY

EXTRACURRICULAR OPTIONS

Expectations for Middle School Students

- **6th: Adapting and getting involved**
- **7th: Self-advocating & leadership**
- **8th: legacy & preparing for high school**

Fundamentals



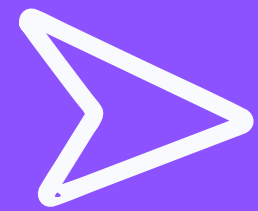
YOUTH UNDERGO MORE RAPID AND PROFOUND PERSONAL CHANGES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10-15 THAN ANY OTHER TIME OF THEIR LIVES.



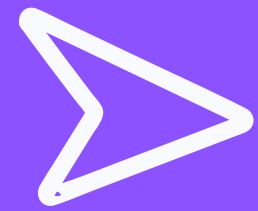
RAPID PHYSICAL GROWTH, CHANGES IN REASONING, THE ONSET OF ABSTRACT THINKING, AND AN INTRODUCTION TO A RANGE OF SOCIAL PRESSURES DEFINE THIS PHASE.



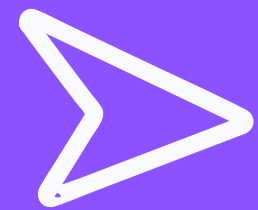
Fundamentals cont.



LEARNING FROM MISTAKES



"I DON'T KNOW" - BELIEVE THEM



**DON'T BAIL THEM OUT - CHOICES/NATURAL
CONSEQUENCES**



Middle School Philosophy

✓ COGNITIVE (THINKING SKILLS) + AFFECTIVE (SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS) = BALANCE

✓ FOCUS ON WHERE STUDENTS ARE AT

✓ HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS



Preparing For Their Arrival



6TH GRADE TEACHERS MEET WITH 5TH-GRADE TEACHERS FOR TRANSITION MEETING



BUILDING ADMIN COMMUNICATION

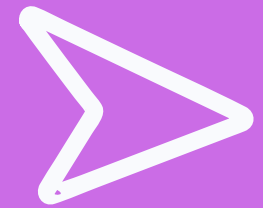


5TH-GRADE VISITS TO MAPLE

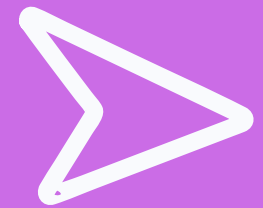


LOCKER DAY - AUGUST 11 & 12

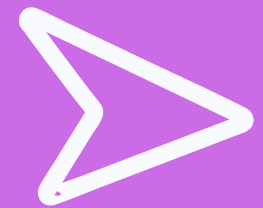
Student Support Team



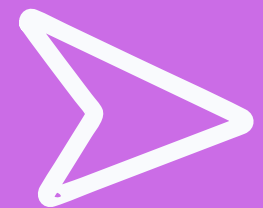
MAGGE PRICE - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES



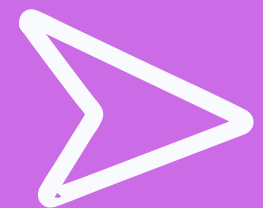
BLAKE ZWEIG & JOANNE DYNKIN - SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS



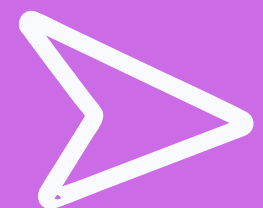
JEN WINTER - SOCIAL WORKER



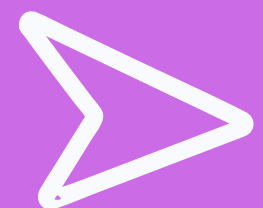
STEPHANIE MARCUS - SPEECH PATHOLOGIST



MOLLY HOISINGTON - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST



JULIE KREZCMER & PHYLLIS TSEVIS - INTERVENTIONISTS



JODI STIPES - ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING SPECIALIST

Role of Student Support Team

- ◆ **WORK WITH STUDENTS IN GENERAL & SPECIAL EDUCATION**
- ◆ **WORK WITH STUDENTS INDIVIDUALLY OR IN GROUPS**
- ◆ **SERVICE MAY BE SHORT OR LONG-TERM (MTSS)**
- ◆ **CRISIS INTERVENTION AS NEEDED**
- ◆ **COLLABORATE WITH FAMILIES, TEACHERS, AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES**



Welcome to the Maple PTO

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

- Register for PTO in August
 - Online School Directory
 - Ice Cream and Blizzard Days
 - Make a Donation
 - Special Lunch (Through a separate vendor)
- Communication via Maple Marquee, eBlasts, and Facebook
 - Maple PTO Website: <https://www.district30.org/maple-pt/>
 - Contact us any time at maplepto@district30.org



Congratulations to the 2026-2027 / 2028 PTO Executive Board



- Co-President
 - Christine Thach (joining Sneha Srivastava)
- VP of Communications
 - Sarah Yoo
- Co-Vice President Committee Liaison:
 - Frewoini Gebremeskel (joining Laura Perpinyal)
- Treasurer
 - Gina Pearce (continuing 2nd year)
- VP of Technology
 - Amish Shah (continuing 2nd year)

PTO Programs, Events & Impact

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.

Events / Committees

- 8th Grade Career Day
- 8th Grade Graduation Party & Reception
- 8th Grade Snowflake
- All School Volley-Bash
- Lew Blond Run
- KAPO Liaison

Fundraising

- Blizzard Days
- Book Fair
- Dine Out Dates
- Ice Cream Days
- School Supplies Sale
- Special Lunch
- Spirit Wear & Magnets

School Support & Parent Education

- PTO General Meetings
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation & Hospitality
- School Gifts



PTO: Ways to Get Involved

- **Contribute as Committee Co-Chair, Committee Member, Executive Board Officer**
- **Exec Board Nominations are held in February**
- **Committee Chair/Member Sign-Up Coming Soon! (May)**
- **Volunteering Opportunities (examples)**
 - **Career Day, Volleybash**



Core

BLOCK [70-78 MIN]

- MATH
- ELA
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL STUDIES

Non-Core

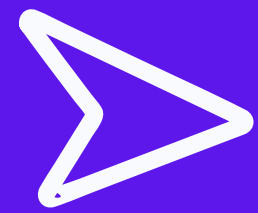
PERIOD [35-39 MIN]

- PE
- HEALTH
- WORLD LANGUAGE
- CREATIVE ARTS
- SUPPORT

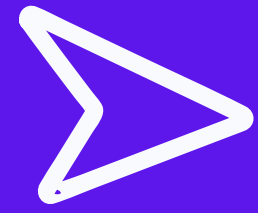


Orange Days (w/ Learning Lab) T/W/R	Blue Days (w/o Learning Lab) M/F
Period 1 (8:35-9:15) (40 min)	Period 1 (8:35-9:17) (42 min)
Period 2 (9:18-9:53) (35 min)	Period 2 (9:20-9:59) (39 min)
Period 3 (9:56-10:31) (35 min)	Period 3 (10:02-10:41) (39 min)
Period 4 (10:34-11:09) (35 min)	Period 4 (10:44-11:23) (39 min)
Period 5 (11:12-11:47) (35 min)	Period 5 (11:26-12:05) (39 min)
Period 6 (11:50-12:25) (35 min)	Period 6 (12:08-12:47) (39 min)
Period 7 (12:28-1:03) (35 min)	Period 7 (12:50-1:29) (39 min)
Period 8 (1:06-1:41) (35 min)	Period 8 (1:32-2:11) (39 min)
Learning Lab (1:44-2:19) (35 min)	Period 9 (2:14-2:53) (39 min)
Period 9 (2:22-2:57) (35 min)	Period 10 (2:56-3:35) (39 min)
Period 10 (3:00-3:35) (35 min)	

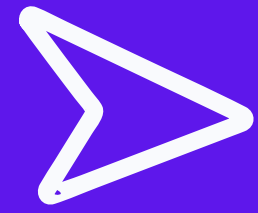
Learning Lab Is...



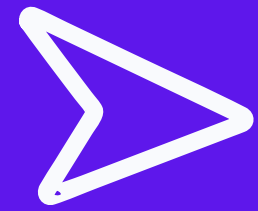
35 MINUTES EVERY TUES-THURS.



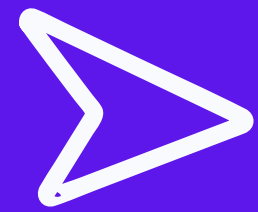
A TIME TO CHECK IN WITH A POINT-PERSON OR OTHER TEACHERS



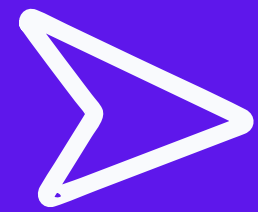
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING



COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION SKILLS



DEVELOP PERSONAL GOALS



STUDY HALL

6th-Grade Teachers Expect...

- ...STUDENTS TO ARRIVE ON TIME, TO SCHOOL & CLASSES
- ...ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS TO BE USED
- ...HOMEWORK COMPLETED AND TURNED IN ON TIME
- ...COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL
- ...YOU TO HELP YOUR CHILD BE ORGANIZED

Getting Involved



MUSIC PROGRAMS
(BAND/ORCHESTRA/CHOIR)



MANY EXTRACURRICULARS
(SPORTS/CLUBS/COMP. TEAMS)



FIND INFO ON WEBSITE

Community Service



TOY DRIVE / FOOD DRIVE



ART OF GIVING / SERVING LEARNING



LEW BLOND RUN



Logistics - Communication



FOR STUDENTS

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMAIL

ADVISORY



FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

MAPLE MARQUEE

SOCIAL MEDIA

PARENT PORTAL

SCHOOLGY

EMAIL

MAPLE / DISTRICT 30 WEBSITES

CURRICULUM NIGHT

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Logistics - Lockers / Homework



FOR STUDENTS

LOCK YOUR LOCKERS / DON'T SHARE YOUR COMBOS

USE DIGITAL MANAGEMENT OR ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK

POWERSCHOOL



FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS

HOMEWORK VARIES - CONSISTENTLY AROUND 75 MIN

HOMEWORK GRID

Logistics - Absences



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

- **EXCUSED VS. UNEXCUSED**
- **EXCESSIVE ABSENCES**



IF ABSENT: STUDENTS SHOULD...

- **CHECK POWERSCHOOL**
- **CONTACT TEACHERS**



IF ABSENT: GUARDIANS SHOULD...

- **USE PARENT PORTAL TO LOG ABSENCE**
- **NOTIFY IN ADVANCE IF POSSIBLE**
- **SIGN IN/SIGN OUT**



Logistics - To & From

➤➤ PICK UP & DROP OFF PROCEDURES

➤➤ FIRST BELL AT 8:25 A.M.

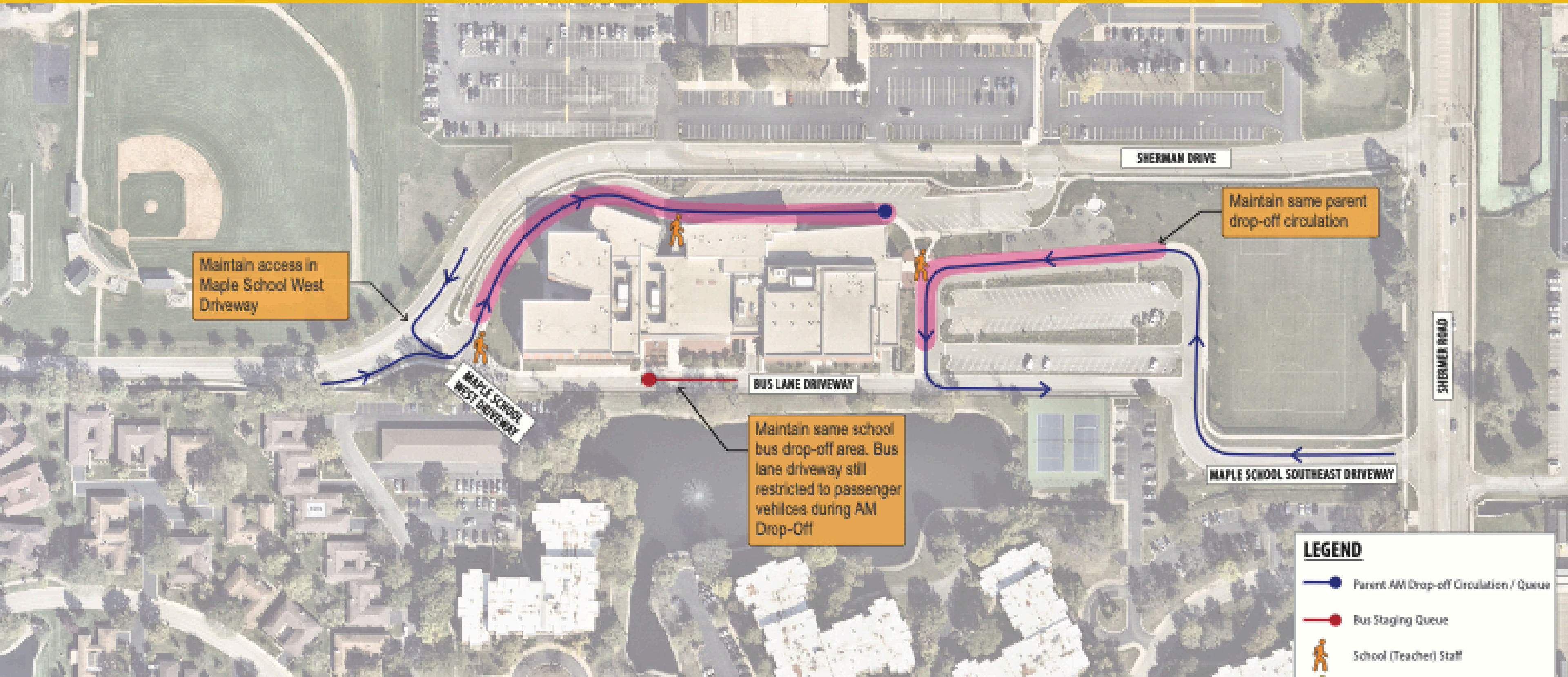
➤➤ FINAL BELL 3:35 P.M.

➤➤ BUSING INFORMATION

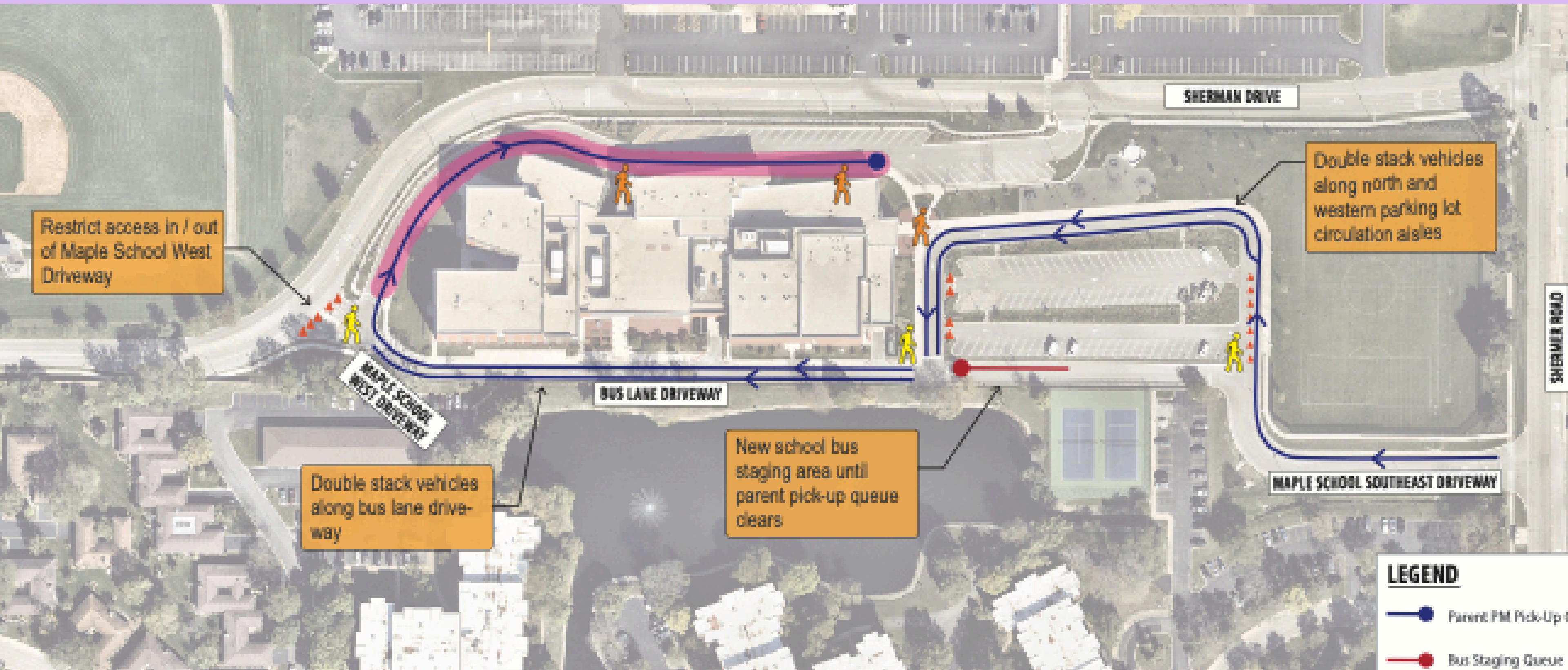
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Logistics - Drop-Off (a.m.)



Logistics - Pick-Up (p.m.)

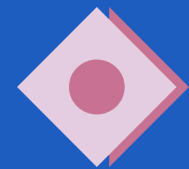


First Day of School

- **BRING YOUR BACKPACK WITH SUPPLIES LABELED**
- **BUSES TO / FROM SCHOOL**
- **REPORT TO LEARNING LAB**
- **QUEST LUNCH AVAILABLE**
- **STUDENTS ATTEND ALL CLASSES**
- **OPENING DAY CEREMONY**



Other Important Items

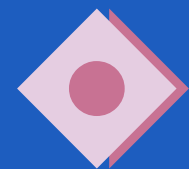


**E-PACKET INFORMATION POSTED ON
MAPLE WEBSITE IN EARLY AUGUST**



LOCKER DAYS

- **AUGUST 11 & 12**



BAND/ORCHESTRA/CHOIR UNIFORMS

- **THE "EMBROID-ME STORE"**
 - **2845 DUNDEE RD, NORTHBROOK**
- **POLO SHIRT AND/OR SWEATER**





Any

Questions?

We Are One Herd!

For more information visit district30.org/maple