SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
of Amherst and Tonawanda

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Dear Maplemere Parents & Guardians:

As we enter November, I want to thank our families for a wonderful start to the school year. Our 2026-27 theme, **"It Takes a Village,"** continues to come to life in meaningful ways. From the excitement of our **PTA Trunk or Treat** to the school shirts provided for **every Maplemere student**, our village has come together to create experiences that build school pride and a strong sense of belonging. These moments remind our children that they are part of a community that cares about them. Thank you to our PTA, staff, and families for making these experiences possible.

I also want to strongly encourage families to attend the **Board of Education meeting and Capital Improvement Project Town Hall on Tuesday, November 17, at Maplemere.** This will be an important opportunity to learn about preliminary plans for the project, ask questions, and understand how construction may impact our school community, daily routines, and learning environment. We will also discuss the steps being taken to prepare for these changes while prioritizing student safety, communication, and continuity of learning. Your involvement and perspective are important as we plan for Maplemere's future.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS | NOVEMBER 2026

Day	Date	Event(s)	Time / Details
Tuesday	**November 3**	Superintendent's Conference Day	No school for students
Tuesday	**November 17**	BOE Meeting at Maplemere: Capital Improvement Project Update / Town Hall	6:30pm
Wednesday	**November 18**	GLMM Family Lighthouse Meeting at Maplemere	6:30pm
Wednesday	**November 25**	DEAL (Drop Everything and Lead) Day: student leadership, student-led conference preparation & partnership classes	School day
Thursday-Friday	**November 26-27**	Thanksgiving Recess	No school for students
Friday	**December 4**	Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars Meat Raffle at St. Leo's	Doors: 6pm; raffle: 7pm

As temperatures drop and winter weather approaches, please make sure children are dressed for the conditions, including coats and weather-appropriate footwear for arrival, dismissal, and outdoor activities. **Please drive slowly and attentively near school, watch carefully for students and buses, and allow extra time during rain, snow, or icy conditions.** Our shared care and patience help keep everyone safe. If you have questions, please contact our main office at (716) 250-1550.

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