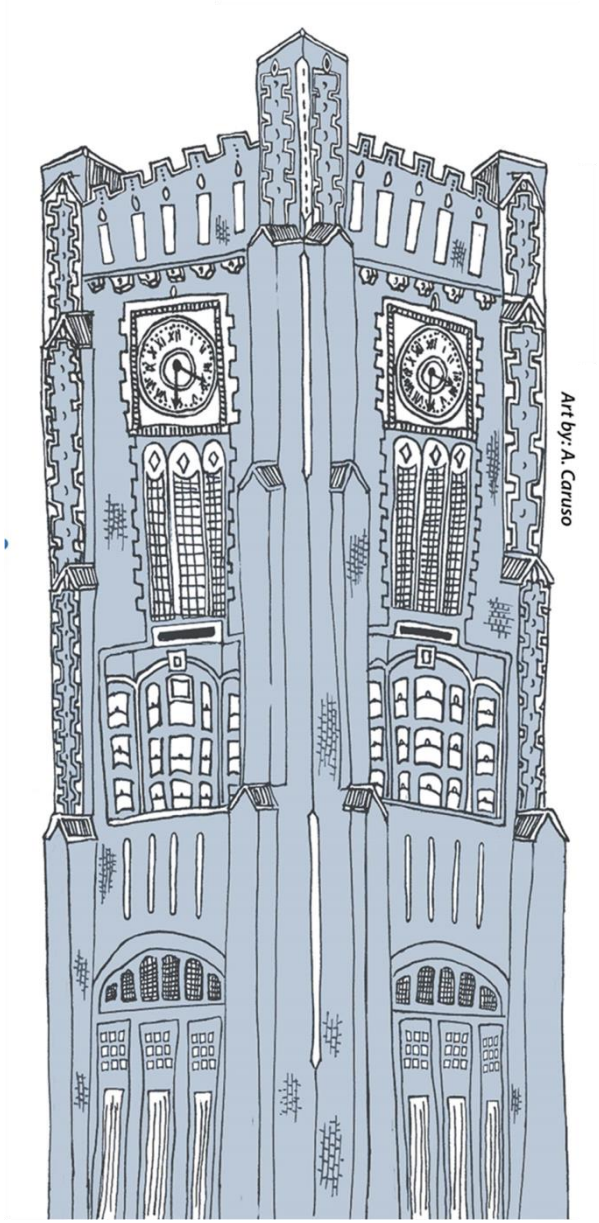

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The School District of
SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD
525 Academy Street • Maplewood, NJ 07040

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2017 – 2018

CALENDAR & HANDBOOK

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD
525 Academy Street
Maplewood, NJ 07040
Tel. (973) 762-5600
www.southorangemaplewood.org

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION CONTACTS	TEL. # 973-762-5600	EMAIL
STAFF MEMBER NAME/TITLE	**EXT.**	**EMAIL**
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Mr. Kevin Walston, Assistant Superintendent for Administration	1825	kwalston@somsd.k12.nj.us
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SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTORS		
Ms. Kimberly Beane, Supervisor of STEM (K-8)		kbeane@somsd.k12.nj.us
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Ms. Melissa Butler, Supervisor of English Language Arts (9-12)		mbutler@somsd.k12.nj.us
Ms. Bridgett Green, Supervisor, Special Services (K-5)	1145	bgreen@somsd.k12.nj.us
Ms. Patricia Johnson, Director of Food Services	1900	pjohnson@somsd.k12.nj.us
Mr. William Kyle, Director, Property Services	973-378-9617	wkyle@somsd.k12.nj.us
Ms. Judy LoBianco, Supervisor, Physical Education, Nursing Services & Health (K-12)	1093	jlobianc@somsd.k12.nj.us
Mr. Jameel Misbahuddin, Supervisor of STEM (9-12)	1241	jmisbahu@somsd.k12.nj.us
Dr. Kalisha Morgan, Director of Planning & Assessment	1839	kmorgan@somsd.k12.nj.us
Dr. Pamela Murray, Supervisor of Youth Development & Pupil Services	1030	pmurray@somsd.k12.nj.us
Ms. Janice Ortiz, Supervisor of Transportation	973-378-9617	jortiz@somsd.k12.nj.us
Mr. Christopher Preston, Supervisor of Social Studies (K-12)	1130	cpreston@somsd.k12.nj.us
Ms. Crystal Riddick, Supervisor, Special Services (6-12)	1842	criddick@somsd.k12.nj.us
Dr. Ramon Robles-Fernandez, Supervisor of World Languages/ESL (K-12)	1218	rrobles@somsd.k12.nj.us
Dr. Thomas Shea, Director of Safety & Security		tshea@somsd.k12.nj.us
BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTACTS	**EMAIL:**	**boemembers@somsd.k12.nj.us**
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Madhu Pai, 2nd Vice-President	2016-2019	mpai@somsd.k12.nj.us
Susie Adamson	2017-2019	sadamson@somsd.k12.nj.us
Maureen Jones	2015-2017	mjones@somsd.k12.nj.us
Stephanie Lawson-Muhammad	2017-2019	slawson@somsd.k12.nj.us
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Donna Smith	2015-2017	dsmith@somsd.k12.nj.us
Johanna Wright	2017-2019	johannawright@somsd.k12.nj.us

2017-2018 Year at a Glance

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= District/Schools closed

= Schools closed

= Staff day/School closed for students

= 4-Hr day (All schools)

= Give back day if needed

= 4-Hr day (grade level as indicated)

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND HALF DAYS

DAY	DATE	SCHEDULE
Friday	September 1, 2017	SCHOOLS CLOSED (Staff Development Day)
Monday	September 4, 2017	DISTRICT CLOSED (Labor Day)
Tuesday	September 5, 2017	SCHOOLS CLOSED (Staff Development Day)
Wednesday	September 13, 2017	HALF DAY – Marshall Only
Thursday	September 14, 2017	HALF DAY – MMS and SOMS Only
Monday	September 18, 2017	HALF DAY – Seth Boyden Only
Tuesday	September 19, 2017	HALF DAY – CHS Only
Thursday	September 21, 2017	SCHOOLS CLOSED (Rosh Hashanah)
Friday	September 22, 2017	SCHOOLS CLOSED (Rosh Hashanah)
Thursday	September 28, 2017	HALF DAY – Clinton, Jefferson, South Mountain & Tuscan Only
Wednesday	October 4, 2017	HALF DAY – Montrose ECC Only
Monday	October 9, 2017	HALF DAY – ALL SCHOOLS (Students Only, Staff Development)
Tuesday	November 7, 2017	SCHOOLS CLOSED (Staff Development Day) & ELECTION DAY
Thursday	November 9, 2017	SCHOOLS CLOSED (NJEA Convention)
Friday	November 10, 2017	SCHOOLS CLOSED (NJEA Convention)
Wednesday	November 22, 2017	HALF DAY – ALL SCHOOLS
Thursday	November 23, 2017	SCHOOLS CLOSED (Thanksgiving Day)
Friday	November 24, 2017	SCHOOLS CLOSED
Wednesday	November 29, 2017	HALF DAY – All Elementary Schools & Montrose Only
Thursday	November 30, 2017	HALF DAY – All Elementary Schools & Montrose Only
Friday	December 1, 2017	HALF DAY – All Elementary Schools & Montrose Only
Monday	December 11, 2017	HALF DAY – ALL SCHOOLS (Students Only, Staff Development)
Holiday Recess – All Schools Closed Monday 12/25/2017 – Monday 1/1/2018		
Monday	January 15, 2018	SCHOOLS CLOSED (MLK Day)
Monday	February 5, 2018	HALF DAY – ALL SCHOOLS (Students Only, Staff Development)
Friday	February 16, 2018	SCHOOLS CLOSED (Winter Recess)
Monday	February 19, 2018	SCHOOLS CLOSED (Presidents' Day)
Wednesday	February 28, 2018	HALF DAY – All Elementary Schools & Montrose Only
Thursday	March 1, 2018	HALF DAY – All Elementary Schools & Montrose Only
Friday	March 2, 2018	HALF DAY – All Elementary Schools & Montrose Only
Friday	March 30, 2018	SCHOOLS CLOSED – Good Friday
Monday	April 2, 2017	HALF DAY – ALL SCHOOLS (Students Only, Staff Development)
Spring Recess – All Schools Closed Monday 4/9/2018 – Friday 4/13/20		
Thursday	May 17, 2018	HALF DAY – MMS & SOMS Only (School in Action Night)
Friday	May 25, 2018	Possible School Closing (depending # of emergency closing days used)
Monday	May 28, 2018	SCHOOLS CLOSED (Memorial Day)
Tuesday	June 19, 2018	HALF DAY – ALL SCHOOLS
Wednesday	June 20, 2018	HALF DAY – ALL SCHOOLS & LAST DAY Grades Pre-K-7/9
Thursday	June 21, 2018	ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CLOSED HALF DAY – MMS, SOMS & CHS & LAST DAY Grades 8/10-12
Summer Recess – All Schools Closed from Friday 6/22/2018 – Thursday 9/6/2018		

Note: These are dates when students either have a 4-hour day schedule, or when schools are closed for students. The buildings may still be open for staff.

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood
973-762-5600 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-378-7607

Position/Name Extension	Ext.
Principal: Elizabeth Aaron	1012
Princ. Secretary: Cheryl Hernandez	1012
Main Office Secys.: 1017/1018/1019	
Assistant Principals:	
Charles Ezell Gr 12 & Gr 9 (A-G)	1129
Cheryline Hewitt 1022 Gr 10 & Gr 9 (H-M)	1022
Terry Woolard 1016 Gr 11 & Gr 9 (N-Z)	1016
Attendance:	
Attendance/Absence Calls	1125
Director of Student Activities & Athletics:	
Larry Busichio	1024
Supvr. of Youth Development & Pupil Services	
Pamela Murray	1030
Student Assistance Counselors:	
Judi Cohen (Grades 11-12)	1043
Michael Loupis (Grades 9-10)	1044
Media Specialist:	
Suzanne Ng	1139
Nurses:	
Therese Crigler	1059
Lynn Schwartz	1060

Home & School Association

HSA President/Co-President Email

Jessie Wendt jawendt2@gmail.com
Marilyn Wright mm.wright@mindspring.com

HSA Website: www.columbiahsa.org

School hours: 7:55am-3:02pm

4-Hour session: 7:55am-12:00pm

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL EVENTS

Columbia

6	HSA Mtg. - 7:30pm
19	Back-to-School Night (4-hr day)
27	Senior Parents Night - 7pm

Maplewood Middle

1	Luncheon for Teachers & Staff
7	HSA Meeting - 7pm
14	Back to School Night (4-Hour Day)
29	Picture Day

South Orange Middle

1	Back to School Luncheon for Teachers & Staff
7	Ice Cream Social 6-7:30pm
14	Back to School Night (4-hour day) & Book Fair 7pm
26	HSA Board Meeting 7pm

Clinton

6	Back to School Coffee (BYOC) 8:05am
8	Clinton School Pride Day
13	Executive PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
14	Ice Cream Social (Rain date 9/19) 6pm-7:30pm
15	Clinton Farmers Market
25	Book Fair Begins
28	Back to School Night (4-Hour Day) 7pm

Jefferson

6	First Day of School - PTA Coffee 8:05am
8	Ice Cream Social 6:30pm-7:30pm
15	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store
28	Jefferson PTA General Board Meeting 7pm
28	Back to School Night (4-Hour Day)
29	Student Farmers Market

Marshall

5	Kindergarten Play Date @ Marshall School Playground 9am-11am
6	First Day Coffee 8:45am-9:45am
13	Back to School Night (4-Hour Day)
15	School Spirit Day
15	Ice Cream Social 6pm-7:30pm
20	Marshall PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
28	Marshall School Pictures
29	Marshall School Pictures

Seth Boyden

6	First Day of School Coffee 8:45AM
15	Ice Cream Social 6:30PM
18	Back to School Night

South Mountain

6	Welcome Coffee/PTA Meeting 8:30am
11	Picture Day, 5th Grade ONLY
15	Picture Day, Underclassmen
25	Book Fair Begins
28	Back to School Night (4-Hour Day)

Tuscan

1	Teacher Back to School Luncheon
6	First Day PTA Coffee & Welcome 8:45
15	Field Day
15	Ice Cream Social 6 - 7:30 pm
20	Field Day - Rain Date
25	PTA Meeting (PM)
27	Farmers Market
28	Farmers Market - Rain Date
28	Back to School Night (4 hr day) 6:30 K-2; 7:30 3-5

Montrose

6	Orientation Day 9:30-10:30am
7	First Day of School
14	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
15	Spirit Day- School Colors Day

September

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10	**11**	**12** PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16** ACHIEVE NEWSTEAD 5K
17	**18** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	**19**	**20**	**21** DISTRICT CLOSED ROSH HASHANAH	**22** DISTRICT CLOSED ROSH HASHANAH	**23**
24	**25**	**26** JOINT GENERAL MEETING SPED - PTO / SEPAC	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**
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MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

OCTOBER SCHOOL EVENTS

7 Burnet Street, Maplewood
973-378-7660 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-378-5247

Position/Name	Ext.
Principal: Dara Gronau	3000
Office Mgr.: Fiona Beatty	3000
Assistant Principals:	
Louis Brown	3007
Dion Patterson	3008
Attendance:	
Attendance/Absence Calls	3002
Guidance Department	3030
Nurse: Julie Porter	3009
Media Specialist: Evyn Degnan	3036

Home & School Association

HSA Co-Presidents Email

Deb Holt debcatholt@gmail.com
Sara Knutzen szknutsen@gmail.com

HSA Website: www.mmshsa.org

School hours: 8:15am-3:05pm
4-Hour session: 8:15am-12:30pm
Student/Teacher Conference 3:05pm-3:15pm

Columbia

2	HSA Meeting 7:30pm
4	Financial Aid Night 7pm
10	Undergrad Photo Day 7:30-3pm
11	PSAT administered at Columbia
18	Junior Parents Night 7pm
18	Senior Picture Retakes 2:30-8:30pm
20	Pep Rally
21	Homecoming
25	Sophomore Parents Night 7pm
31	Senior Picture Retakes 2:30-8:30pm

Maplewood Middle

2	Week of Respect Begins
12	HSA Meeting - 7pm
28	Magic Show

South Orange Middle

13	Oktoberfest Fundraiser - Parent Mixer - Elks Club
13	Lunchapalooza
24	HSA Board Meeting 7pm
25	Picture Day

Clinton

2	Whooo's Reading Read-A-Thon Kick-Off
3	Last Day of Book Fair
5	General PTA Meeting 7:30pm
6	Clinton School Pride Day/Locomania
14	Pumpkin Patch 11am-2pm
17	School Picture Day (retakes 11/28)
18	Executive PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
19	Read-In 6:30pm-8pm
31	Halloween Parade/Trunk or Treat/Harvest Fest/Read-A-Thon Ends

Jefferson

4	Walk to School Day 8am
4	Jefferson's Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser
4	Variety Show Auditions 4pm-9pm
5	Jefferson School Pictures
6	Jefferson School Pictures
19	Jefferson PTA Board Meeting 7pm-9pm
20	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store
21	MJ Annual Fall Fundraiser
31	Halloween Parade 1:30pm

Marshall

4	Variety Show Auditions
11	Marshall PTA General Meeting 7:30pm
20	School Spirit Day
21	MJ Fall Fundraiser
31	Halloween Parade 2:30pm

Seth Boyden

7	PTA Meeting 10AM
7	Class Captain Orientation 12 NOON
14	Harvest Festival
25	PTA Meeting 7:30PM

South Mountain

3	Josh Drean Anti-Bullying Assembly
9	Week of Respect Begins
12	PTA Meeting 7pm
14	Fall Festival
16	Picture Day Retakes, 5th Grade ONLY
21	Fall Festival Rain date
23	Picture Day Retakes, Underclassmen

Tuscan

4	International Walk to School Day
16	Book Fair Starts
23	School Photos - 1
25	School Photos - 2
30	PTA Meeting (AM)
31	Halloween Parade

Montrose

3	Book Fair Begins
4	Back to School Night (half day) 6:30pm
18	PTA Meeting Pizza Night 6pm
20	Spirit Day- Favorite Hat Day
27	Picture Day
31	Halloween Parade 1PM

October

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8	9 4-HOUR DAY – STUDENTS ONLY (STAFF DEVELOPMENT)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	17 PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING	18	19 GRADES K-2 CURRICULUM NIGHT	20	21
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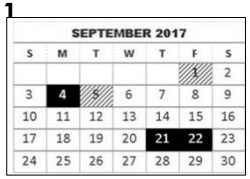

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PARENTING CENTER EVENTS

- 10/5 – Superintendent's Town Hall For Elementary Families
- 10/19 – K-2 Curriculum Night @ South Mountain
- 10/19 – 3-5 Curriculum Night @ South Mountain

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SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

70 North Ridgewood Road, South Orange
973-378-2772 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-378-2771

Position/Name	Ext.
Principal: Lynn Irby	2000
Office Mgr.: Bernadine Smith	2000
Assistant Principals:	
James Jennings	2006
James Waldron	2005
Attendance:	
Attendance/Absence Calls	2003
Guidance Department	2007
Nurse: Jacqueline Gilker	2013
Media Specialist: Christine Jansen	2015

Home & School Association

HSA Co-Presidents Email	
Mary Conway	maryandtomconway@comcast.net
Andrea Beck	andreabeck999@yahoo.com

HSA Website: www.somshsa.org

School hours: 8:15am-3:05pm
4-Hour session: 8:15am-12;30pm
Student/Teacher Conference
3:05pm-3:14pm

NOVEMBER SCHOOL EVENTS

Columbia

1	Freshmen Parents Night 7pm
4	SAT at Columbia
6	HSA Meeting 7:30pm
15	Student Council/Fall Volleyball Tournament
16	Fall Band Concert 7pm
16	HSA Faculty/Staff Brunch
16-18	Parnassian Performance 8pm
19	Parnassian Performance 3pm
21	Undergrad Picture Makeup Day 9-3pm
29	Advanced Placement Info Night 7pm

Maplewood Middle

14	Picture Day for 8th Grade & Clubs
15	Make Up Picture Day
16	HSA Meeting - 7pm

South Orange Middle

28	HSA Board Meeting 7pm
30	Picture Day Retakes

Clinton

1	Executive PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
3	Clinton School Pride Day
6	Student Government Elections

Jefferson

1	Variety Show Call Backs
16	Jefferson PTA Board Meeting 7pm
17	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store
27	Scholastic Book Fair Begins

Marshall

1	Variety Show Audition Call-backs
17	School Spirit Day
27	Scholastic Book Fair Begins

Seth Boyden

18	Seth Boyden Turkey Trot 5K and Fun Run

South Mountain

16	PTA Board Meeting 8:30am

Tuscan

13	Thanksgiving Food Drive (Nov. 13 - Nov. 22)
TBD	Thanksgiving Music Assembly
27	PTA Meeting (PM)

Montrose

15	PTA Meeting 7:30PM
17	Spirit Day- Crazy Sock Day

November

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12	**13** SPECIAL SERVICES OVERVIEW W/ADMINISTRATORS	**14** PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING	**15** DIVERSITY AS ART: ART IS DIVERSITY WITH NIKKI GIOVANNI	**16**	**17**	**18**
19	**20** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	**21**	**22** 4-HOUR DAY	**23** DISTRICT CLOSED THANKSGIVING RECESS	**24** DISTRICT CLOSED THANKSGIVING RECESS	**25**
26	**27**	**28**	**29** 4-HOUR DAY ELEMENTARY ONLY	**30** 4-HOUR DAY ELEMENTARY ONLY		
DECEMBER 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			**PARENTING CENTER EVENT** • 10/15 – Diversity As Art: Art Is Diversity with Nikki Giovanni			

2017

CLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades K-5)

27 Berkshire Road, Maplewood
973-378-7686 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-378-5241

Position/Name	Ext.
Principal: Ann Bodnar	5000
Office Mgr.: Vineta Budhu	5000
Assistant Principal:	
Timothy Beaumont	5000
Main Number:	5000
Attendance/Absence Calls:	5000
Nurse: Joann Harrigan	5003
Media Specialist: Jennifer Latimer	5004

Clinton Parent Teacher Association

PTA Presidents Email	
Jess Murphy	jesskmurphy@gmail.com
Ambra Teague	ambra.clintonpta@gmail.com

PTA Website: www.clintonelementary.org

School hours: 8:05am-2:35pm
4-Hour session: 8:05am-12:05pm

DECEMBER SCHOOL EVENTS

Columbia

2	SAT at Columbia
4	Ninth Grade Preview 7pm
4	HSA Meeting 7:30pm
14	Winter Choral Concert 6pm

Maplewood Middle

4	9th Grade Preview for 8th Graders @ CHS 7pm
12	MMS Winter Choral Concert - 7pm
14	CHS Chorus Festival incl. MMS Chorus - 7pm
22	Battle of the Classes

South Orange Middle

4	9th Grade Preview for 8th graders @ CHS 7pm
7	Picture Day for Clubs & Candids
13	8th Grade band and orchestra concert 7pm
14	CHS/SOMS/MMS Choir Concert 7pm
19	6th, 7th, 8th grade Choir Concert 7pm
20	Holiday Cookie Distribution
21	Luncheon for Teachers & Staff

Clinton

2	WBGO Jazz for Kids Free Concert
9	Winter Craft Fair 11am-2pm
12	Cafeteria Staff Breakfast
13	Executive PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
19	Teacher Holiday Luncheon & Cookies

Jefferson

9	Variety Show
15	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store
21	Jefferson PTA Board Meeting 7pm
21	Staff Holiday Lunch

Marshall

9	MJ Variety Show
13	Marshall PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
15	School Spirit Day
20	Staff Holiday Lunch

Seth Boyden

1	Movie Day
6	PTA Meeting 7:30AM
5-7	Book Fair

South Mountain

8	School Musical
9	School Musical
10	School Musical
14	Principal and Parent Workshop
14	PTA Board Meeting 7pm

Tuscan

6	Make Up Picture Day
15	Tuscan Tiger Times Deadline
TBD	Snowflake Music Assembly
20	Pajama Day and Pajama Drive

Montrose

13	PTA Meeting 7:30PM
15	Spirit Day- Pajama Day
21	Cultural Celebration Day 1PM

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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17	18 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 DISTRICT CLOSED HOLIDAY RECESS	26 DISTRICT CLOSED HOLIDAY RECESS	27 **SCHOOLS CLOSED HOLIDAY RECESS**	28 **SCHOOLS CLOSED HOLIDAY RECESS**	29 DISTRICT CLOSED HOLIDAY RECESS	30
31	**PARENTING CENTER EVENT** • 12/4 – ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON RACE, DIVERSITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE FACILITATED BY TJ WHITAKER			JANUARY 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		

2017

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades 3-5)

518 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood
973-378-7696 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-378-7692

Position/Name	Ext.
Principal: Kimberly Hutchinson	5500
Office Mgr.: Lisa Fallone	5500
Assistant Principal:	
Laura Swyberius	5500
Main Number:	5500
Attendance/Absence Calls:	5500
Nurse: Carol Scalgione	5503
Media Specialist: Teresa Quick	5504

Jefferson Parent Teacher Association

PTA Presidents / Email	
Amy Straub (Pres.)	astraub@jefferson-pta.org
Mindy Sinyak (Vice Pres.)	mindysinyak@hotmail.com

PTA Website: www.jefferson-pta.com

School hours: 8:05am-2:35pm
4-Hour session: 8:05am-12:05pm

JANUARY SCHOOL EVENTS

Columbia

8	HSA Meeting 7:30pm
10	Orchestra Concert 7pm
15	MLK Observance 50th Anniversary (CCR) 2pm
18	Winter Band Concert 7pm
31	Cabaret Fundraiser for Musical 7pm

Maplewood Middle

11	HSA Meeting - 7pm
12	MLK Peace March
23	MMS Orchestra Concert - 7pm
24	MMS Band Concert - 7pm

South Orange Middle

2	HSA Board Meeting 7pm
17	7th grade band and orchestra concert 7pm
19	Lunchapalooza
25	6th grade band and orchestra concert 7pm

Clinton

5	Clinton School Pride Day
17	Executive PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
25	General PTA Meeting

Jefferson

18	Jefferson PTA Board Meeting 7pm
19	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store

Marshall

8	Read-A-Thon Fundraiser Begins
10	Marshall PTA General Meeting - MATH at Marshall 7:30pm
12	Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
19	School Spirit Day
26	Winter "Blues Buster" Event

Seth Boyden

6	PTA Meeting 10AM
19	Movie Night
27	Seth Boyden Parent to Parent

South Mountain

11	PTA Board Meeting 8:30am
18	Roller Skating Night 5:30pm-7:30pm
26	Unity Committee Cultural Celebration

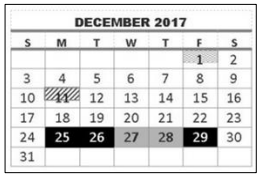
Tuscan

26	Bingo Night
29	PTA Meeting (PM)

Montrose

TBD	Open House
19	Spirit Day- Super Hero Day

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	**1** DISTRICT CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY	**2**	**3** BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION MEETING	**4**	**5**	**6**
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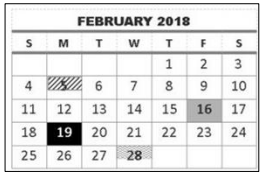
14	**15** DISTRICT CLOSED MLK, JR. DAY	**16** OUR KIDS: GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**
21	**22** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	**23** SPED - PTO – PRE K & ELEMENTARY FAMILIES	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** KINDERGARTEN WELCOME EVENT
28	**29**	**30**	**31** SCREENAGERS			
			**PARENTING CENTER EVENTS:** • 1/16 – Our Kids: Growing Up in the Digital Age @ Tuscan • 1/27 – Kindergarten Welcome Event @ Seth Boyden • 1/31 – Screenagers @ Tuscan			

2018

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades K-2)

262 Grove Road, South Orange
973-378-7698 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-378-5243

Position/Name Extension	Ext.
Principal: Bonita Samuels	6000
Secretary: Iona Santa Cruz	6000
Assistant Principal:	
Shannon Glander	6000
Main Number:	6000
Attendance:	
Attendance/Absence Calls:	6000
Nurse: Jean Johnson	6003
Media Specialist: Joann Cinquemani	

Marshall Parent Teacher Association

PTA Presidents Email

Leslier Kerner (Pres.) lkerner@marshall-pta-org
Bernie Hackler (Vice Pres.) bhackler@marshall-pta.org

PTA Website: www.marshalljefferson.org

School hours: 8:45am-3:15pm
4-Hour session: 8:45am-12:45pm

FEBRUARY SCHOOL EVENTS

Columbia

5	HSA Meeting 7:30pm
8	Chamber Music Night 7pm
22	Jazz Cabaret 7pm
24	Kids Fundraiser for Musical 10am

Maplewood Middle

1	8th Grade MMS & SOMS Mixer
8	HSA Meeting 7pm
23-25	MMS Musical
28	Trivia Night Fundraiser

South Orange Middle

1	MMS & SOMS 8th Grade Mixer
6	HSA Board Meeting 7pm
27	"Music in the Schools Month" 7pm

Clinton

2	Clinton School Pride Day
14	Valentine Candy Grams (Student Council)
21	Executive PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm

Jefferson

15	Jefferson PTA Board Meeting 7pm
TBD	Jefferson PTA General Board Meeting
23	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store

Marshall

7	Marshall PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
8	Evening with Ahmondylla Best
14	Valentine Treats for Staff
23	School Spirit Day
26	Read Across America Week

Seth Boyden

10	Seth Boyden Silent Auction
22	Black History Month Gallery 6:30PM
21	PTA Meeting 10AM

South Mountain

8	PTA Board Meeting 7pm

Tuscan

2	Readathon Launch (2/2 -3/2)
9	International Night
23	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
26	PTA Meeting (AM)

Montrose

16	Spirit Day- Favorite Sports Team Day
21	PTA Meeting 7:30pm

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 4-HOUR DAY STUDENTS ONLY (STAFF DEVELOPMENT)	6	7	8 EVENING WITH AHMONDYLLA BEST – CHILDREN'S AUTHOR & PERFORMER	9	10
11	12	13 PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING	14	15	16 **SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER RECESS**	17
18	19 DISTRICT CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	27 SPED - PTO – SECONDARY FAMILIES	28 4-HOUR DAY ELEMENTARY ONLY			
MARCH 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			**PARENTING CENTER EVENT** • 2/8 – Evening With Ahmondylla Best – Children's Author & Performer			

2018

SETH BOYDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades K-5)

274 Boyden Avenue, Maplewood
973-378-5209 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-378-5244

Position/Name	Ext.
Principal: Damion Frye	6500
Secretary: Marianne Faugno	6500
Assistant Principal:	
Raquel Horn	6505
Main Number:	6500
Attendance:	
Attendance/Absence Calls:	6500
Nurse: Nancy Weinstein	6503
Media Specialist: Janine Poutre	6504

Seth Boyden Parent Teacher Association

PTA Presidents Email

Kelly Villanueva kellyvfsu@yahoo.com
Sara Gee sarahgeemail@gmail.com

PTA Website: SethboydenPTA.org

School hours: 8:45am-3:15pm
4-Hour session: 8:45am-12:45pm

MARCH SCHOOL EVENTS

Columbia

5	HSA Meeting 7:30pm
7	College + Career Fair and National Armed Services Day 2018 7pm
9-10	All School Musical 7pm
10	SAT at Columbia
11	All School Musical 2pm
16-17	All School Musical 7pm
18	All School Musical 2pm

Maplewood Middle

15	HSA Meeting - 7pm
22	Welcome to Middle School for Incoming 6th Grade Families 7:30pm
28	MMS/MCM Joint Band Concert - 7:30pm

South Orange Middle

2	Musical Fundraiser
6	HSA Board Meeting 7pm
23	All School Musical
24	All School Musical
25	All School Musical

Clinton

2	Clinton School Pride Day
9	All School Musical Revue
10	All School Musical Revue
14	Executive PTA Board Meeting
23	Clinton School Auction 7:30pm

Jefferson

TBD	Movie Day at SOPAC
16	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store
22	Jefferson PTA Board Meeting 7pm
TBD	MJ Annual Fundraiser

Marshall

1	MAPSO Cares Food Drive at Marshall
16	School Spirit Day
19	Teacher Time Raffle Drawing
21	Marshall PTA General Meeting & Art Show & Artome Fundraiser 7pm-8:30pm
TBD	MJ Annual Fundraiser

Seth Boyden

21	PTA Meeting 7:30PM

South Mountain

12	SM Mixers with Teacher Experiences Begin
15	PTA Board Meeting 8:30am

Tuscan

10	Tuscan Spring Auction/ Dance
15	Tuscan Tiger Times Deadline
26	PTA Meeting (PM)
23-25	Tuscan Show

Montrose

14	PTA Meeting 7:30PM
16	Spirit Day- Favorite Book Day

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28				**1** 4-HOUR DAY ELEMENTARY ONLY	**2** 4-HOUR DAY ELEMENTARY ONLY	**3** ACHIEVE NIGHT OF 100 DINNERS
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11	**12**	**13** PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**
18	**19** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**
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APRIL 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		**PARENTING CENTER EVENT** • 3/8 – Film Screening @ Seth Boyden				

2018

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ELEM. SCHOOL (Grades K-5)

South Mountain Elementary School
444 West South Orange Ave., South Orange
973-378-5216 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-763-5620

Position/Name	Ext.
Principal: Alyna Jacobs	4500
Assistant Principal: Marianne Hess	4500
Media Specialist: Catherine Campbell	4505
Absence Report Number: 973-378-5216	
Main Number:	4500
Nurse: Sharyn Wills	4503
Secretary: Lisa Pyne	4500

Grades: Kindergarten & 2-5
School Hours: 8:10am-2:40pm
4-hour session: 8:10am-12:10pm

South Mountain Annex
112 Glenview Road, South Orange
973-378-2800 / Fax: 973-378-2033

Main Number	4000
Nurse: Nina Treitler	4003
Secretary: Andrea Dudley	4000

Grades: Kindergarten & 1
School Hours: 8:00am-2:30pm
4-hour session: 8:00am-12:00pm
Delayed session: 10:00am-2:30pm

South Mountain Parent Teacher Association

PTA Co-Presidents Email
Audrey Schaefer & Ava Martin
pta@smsuperstars.com

PTA Website: www.smsuperstars.com

APRIL SCHOOL EVENTS

Columbia

2	HSA Meeting 7:30pm
4	School In Action Night
16	PARCC Begins (testing window April 16-May 25)
20	Shakespeare Festival
28	CHS Dance Day

Maplewood Middle

19	HSA Meeting - 7pm

South Orange Middle

3	HSA Board Meeting 7pm
22	SOMS Fundraiser - 2nd Annual Flea Market
24	6th Grade PARCC Testing Begins

Clinton

6	Clinton School Pride Day
18	Executive PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
26	International Dinner 6pm

Jefferson

19	Jefferson PTA Board Meeting 7pm
20	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store
TBD	MJ Diversity Festival

Marshall

2	World Autism Awareness Day
6	Dance-A-Thon
16	Blow Bubbles for Autism Awareness
18	Marshall PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
20	School Spirit Day
TBD	MJ Diversity Festival
23	Autism Awareness - School Photo
27	Paraprofessional Appreciation Event
30	Autism Awareness - Light it up Blue

Seth Boyden

18	PTA Meeting 7:30AM
22	Roller Skating Party
24-27	Spring Book Fair
27	Variety Show

South Mountain

5	Principal and Parent Workshop
5	PTA Board Meeting 7pm

Tuscan

30	PTA Meeting (AM)
25	Administrative Professionals Day

Montrose

TBD	Bubble Blowing for Autism Awareness
18	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
20	Spirit Day- Stuffed Animal Day

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	**2** 4-HOUR DAY STUDENTS ONLY (STAFF DEVELOPMENT)	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
8	**9** **SCHOOLS CLOSED SPRING RECESS**	**10** **SCHOOLS CLOSED SPRING RECESS**	**11** **SCHOOLS CLOSED SPRING RECESS**	**12** **SCHOOLS CLOSED SPRING RECESS**	**13** **SCHOOLS CLOSED SPRING RECESS**	**14**
15	**16**	**17** PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING	**18**	**19** ALWAYS CHANGING	**20**	**21**
22	**23** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	**24** SPED PTO – IEP WORKSHOP	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28** ACHIEVE MAKER MADNESS
29	**30**					
MARCH 2018		**PARENTING CENTER EVENT** • 4/19 – "Always Changing" Health Film & Discussion		MAY 2018		

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MAY 2018						
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27	28	29	30	31		

2018

TUSCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades K-5)

25 Harvard Avenue, Maplewood
973-378-5221 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-378-7626

Position/Name	Ext.
Principal: Malikah Majeed	7000
Secretary: Fay Clark	7000
Assistant Principal:	
Kevin Mason	7000
Main Number:	7000
Attendance:	
Attendance /Absence Calls:	7000
Nurse: Angela Thompson	7003
Media Specialist: Amy Popp	7004

Tuscan Parent Teacher Association

PTA Presidents Email

Veronica Olazabel volazabel@gmail.com
Mike Paquette destinyandmikep@gmail.com

PTA Website: www.tuscanpta.org

School hours: 8:45am-3:15pm
4-Hour session: 8:45am-12:45pm

MAY SCHOOL EVENTS

Columbia

3	Marching Band Open House 7pm
7	HSA Meeting 7:30pm
7-11	AP Exams
14-18	AP Exams
16	Student Council Spring Volleyball Tournament
18-19	Special Dance 8pm
22	Spring Choral Concert 6pm
23	Athletic Orientation Night 6:30pm
24	Spring Band Concert 7pm
23-25	AP Makeup Exams
30	Ninth Grade Orientation Tours 7pm

Maplewood Middle

10	HSA Meeting - 7pm
16	MMS Band Concert - 7pm
17	School in Action Night (4-Hr Day)
18	High Note Festival
23	MMS Orchestra Concert - 7pm
29	MMS Choral Concert - 7pm

South Orange Middle

1	7th Grade PARCC Testing Begins
1	HSA Board Meeting 7pm
4	Lunchapalooza
8	8th Grade PARCC Testing Begins
10	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
14	SOMS orchestra concert
17	School in Action Night (4-Hour Day) 7pm
21	SOMS choir concert
31	SOMS band concert

Clinton

4	Clinton School Pride Day
7	Teacher Appreciation Week Begins
16	Executive PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
24	Rainbow Picture/Field Day
TBD	Art Festival 6pm-7:30pm
28	Memorial Day Parade, Clinton School Marches

Jefferson

7	Staff Appreciation Week
TBD	Jefferson Art Show
16	Field Day
17	Jefferson PTA Board Meeting 7pm
18	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store
TBD	Choir, Band & Orchestra Concert

Marshall

1	Staff Appreciation Event
2	Project ACES 2pm
9	Marshall's Annual "Avoid the Summer Slide" Open House
16	Marshall PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
17	Music Festival, Grade K
18	School Spirit Day
18	Music Festival, Grade 2
24	Field Day (Rain Date 5/31)

Seth Boyden

9	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
19	PTA Meeting 10AM
23	Kindergarten Field Day
25	Field Day Grades 1-5

Montrose

TBD	Teacher/Staff Appreciation
18	Spirit Day- Crazy Hair Day
23	PTA Meeting Pizza Night 6pm

South Mountain

3	PTA Board Meeting, Introduce New Slate 8:30am
7	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week Begins
11	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon
23	Art Show/Music Recital
30	Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
TBD	Spring Concert

Tuscan

1	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
2	Tuscan Fiesta
2	Project Aces
5	Tuscan Fair
7	Teacher Appreciation Week Begins
15	Spring Concert
21	PTA Meeting (PM)

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	**7**	**8** PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**
13	**14** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**
20	**21**	**22** SPED PTO – TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF AS A PARENT & GENERAL MEETING	**23**	**24**	**25** GIVE BACK DAY IF NEEDED	**26**
27	**28** DISTRICT CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	**29**	**30**	**31**		
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2018

MONTROSE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (PreK)

356 Clark Street, South Orange
973-378-2086 then extension, where listed
Fax: 973-378-2085

Position/Name Extension	Ext.
Director: Renée Joyce	7502
Secretary: Anna Provenzano	7500
Main Number:	7500
Nurse: Mary Pfister	7503

Parent Teacher Association

PTA President Email

Erika Malgieri meccpta@gmail.com

PTA Website: www.montrosepta.org
School hours: 9:00am-2:00pm
½ Day session: 9:00am-11:30am

JUNE SCHOOL EVENTS

Columbia

2	SAT at Columbia
4	HSA Meeting 7:30pm
6	Senior Recognition Night 7pm
8	A Cappella Concert 7pm
10	Pops on Parker 3pm
12	Spring Orchestra Concert 7pm
14	Jazz Night Concert 7pm
14	Senior Cap & Gown Procession at Elementary Schools 2:15pm
18	Prom
21	Graduation 4pm @ ECC

Maplewood Middle

14	HSA Meeting - 7pm
15	Battle of the Classes & Poetry Grammys
19	7th Grade Pool Party
20	6th Grade Pool Party
20	8th Grade Dinner Dance
21	Moving Up Ceremony

South Orange Middle

5	HSA Board Meeting 7pm
11	SOMS Alumni Choir Concert 7pm
18	8th Grade Dinner Dance
21	8th Grade Graduation

Clinton

1	Clinton School Pride Day
7	General PTA Meeting
8	Kindergarten Orientation 9am-11am
13	Executive PTA Board Meeting
14	Outdoor Picnic/Spring Fair 4:30pm
20	5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
20	Teacher Luncheon 12:15pm

Jefferson

14	Jefferson PTA Board Meeting 7pm
15	Jefferson Spirit Day & School Store
19	5th Grade Moving On Ceremony 9am
20	Jefferson "Clap Out" 11:45am

Marshall

1	Marshall Kindergarten Orientation
13	Marshall PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm
TBD	Bowcraft Fundraiser
15	School Spirit Day
19	Marshall "Clap Out" 12:15pm
20	Last Day of School
22	Kindergarten Day of Play

Seth Boyden

5	5th Grade Day at Camp Bernie
8	5th Grade Pool Party
8	Ice Cream Social/Diversity Festival
15	Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
15	5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

South Mountain

7	PTA Board Meeting 7pm
8	Spirit Day 1pm
15	School Fair 5pm-7pm
18	School Fair Raindate

Tuscan

1	Kindergarten Orientation
1	Kindergarten Assembly
1	Tuscan Art Show
15	Tuscan Tiger Times Deadline
20	Clap Out - 5th Grade (4 hr day)
20	Tuscan Rainbow

Montrose

TBD	New Student Orientation
15	Spirit Day- School Colors Day
TBD	Moving Up Ceremony

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12 PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING	13	14 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	15	16
17	18	19 4-HOUR DAY STUDENTS ONLY	20 4-HOUR DAY STUDENTS ONLY (LAST DAY GRADES K-7 & 9)	21 4-HOUR DAY STUDENTS ONLY (LAST DAY GRADES 8, 10-12) LAST TEACHER DAY	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

2018

STUDENT AND STAFF SAFETY

The safety of our students and staff is always the highest priority for the South Orange Maplewood School District. We coordinate our approach to school safety with the Police and Fire Departments of South Orange and Maplewood. Security procedures are established for all of the schools – schools are locked, unauthorized visitors are prohibited, cameras monitor all who enter our buildings, and each school has a crisis management team. We thoroughly review, evaluate, and update safety practices and security plans on a routine basis.

In addition, we conduct state-mandated emergency drills – both a fire drill, and a security drill – at each school. Security drills include non-fire evacuations and lockdown situations. We practice a different security drill each month, repeating them as necessary, to ensure that each type is practiced at least twice a year and that students and staff know what to do to protect themselves in various situations. After each safety drill, we closely monitor our students' reactions, and we evaluate our procedures to seamlessly blend these exercises into our standard safety practices.

VISITING SCHOOLS

When visiting any of our schools, we ask the community to contribute to the overall safety and security of our students and staff by helping in the following ways:

- Visitors must enter the school through the main entrance at any time during the day. While this may be an inconvenience for some visitors, it is an essential component in our efforts to secure District school buildings.
- When buzzing in at the main entrance, you may be asked to announce your name and the purpose for visiting the school to the front office staff. Please be patient if we ask clarifying questions.
- Please do not hold open the door for other visitors. All visitors must be admitted by a staff member.
- Upon admission to the school, all visitors to our Elementary Schools are to report directly to the front office at any time during the day. Visitors to Columbia High School and our Middle Schools should report to the Visitors' Desk. Once there, please sign in, announce your intention, and wait for direction. This procedure does not change after the school day.

We are grateful for the ongoing support and assistance of the entire community in keeping our students and staff safe.

TRANSPORTATION

Most students live within walking distance of their assigned school, and their parents are expected to ensure their safe transport to and from school each day.

The Board of Education provides round-trip transportation between home and school for South Orange and Maplewood resident students grades K-8 who live more than 2 miles from their assigned school and students grades 9-12 who live more than 2.5 miles from their assigned schools. If the district assigns a student to a school outside of his or her home area to attend the ELL Program at Clinton or the Demonstration Program at Seth Boyden, the student is eligible for bussing if he or she lives more than 1 mile from the assigned school.

If you have questions regarding the transportation program, please call Janice Ortiz at 973-378-9651 x 8005.

Classified special education students may be eligible for transportation according to their IEP. Call the Special Education Department at 973-762-5600 x 1840 for more information.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Studies have proven that children who eat a hearty breakfast and lunch are more focused and peaceful in their studies and social settings. For many children, school lunch is the most important meal of their day. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch from home. SOMSD also offers a full School Lunch Program, and students can purchase a school lunch and/or a la carte food items in the cafeteria.

Elementary School: To participate in the lunch program you must open a MyPaymentsPlus lunch account, since cash is not accepted in our elementary program. Elementary students have two options: 1) Deposit money in MyPaymentsPlus lunch account. 2) Send a lunch from home.

Middle & High Schools: Student share three options: 1) Deposit money in MyPaymentsPlus lunch account 2) Send cash to school daily 3) Send a lunch from home.

For information on setting up your MyPaymentsPlus lunch account, visit:
http://tinyurl.com/somsdlunch

Free and **Reduced Price Lunch** are also available for qualifying students. For more information, contact the Business Office at 973-762-5600 ext. 1805.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Emergency closings are communicated to all SOMSD families and staff via phone call and email through School Messenger. Please alert the secretary in your child's school if your phone number or e-mail changes or if you are not receiving School Messenger alerts.

Closing announcements will also be available:

- District website: www.southorangemaplewood.org
- Twitter: @SOMSDK12
- AM radio: WINS (1010)
- TV: WNBC (Ch. 4), WABC (Ch. 7), WNYW (Ch.5), News12 NJ, and CCN (Ch. 35 in Maplewood, Channel 19 in South Orange, and FIOS Channel 22).

DELAYED OPENINGS

Delayed openings are communicated to all SOMSD families and staff via the same channels as emergency closings.

All schools start 2 hours later than their usually scheduled start times. If your child usually takes a bus to school, the bus will arrive approximately 2 hours later than the typical pick up time.

MAKE-UP DAYS

Should the District use more than the **THREE** allotted emergency closing days, the first Make up Day will be April 9, 2018 working forward to April 13, 2018 as needed; or at the end of the school year if emergency closings occur after April 13, 2018. If only **TWO** emergency school closing days are used, schools will be ***closed*** on Friday, May 25, 2018.

Family/School Connection

SOMSD recognizes the vital importance of the home-school partnership, and provides regular updates so that parents and guardians can support their students' development.

Elementary School

Elementary School Parent/Teacher conferences are offered twice a year, in November/December and February/March. Conferences are a great opportunity to talk one-on-one with your child's teacher about how your child is doing, to ask questions, to share concerns, and to discuss things you may want to work on with your child at home.

Three **report cards** and three **interim reports** go home during the year, and **writing folders** will be sent home at the end of each unit so you can review your child's writing projects, and the teacher's assessment of their work. If you have questions about your child's progress, please talk to your child's teacher – this is the best place to start!

If you feel like your child is struggling or needs extra help, please discuss your concerns with your child's teacher, and ask about the resources available to support students. Your child may qualify for Academic Intervention, the Achieve Tutor Program, or the Elementary Social Work Program. If you have significant concerns, consider discussing the possibility of a requesting a referral to the Special Services department.

Secondary School

Parent Portal (PowerSchool) is a powerful tool for monitoring assignment grades and attendance in real time, as well as checking final quarter grades. Families of secondary school students can log onto PowerSchool for electronic access to records:
powerschool.somsd.k12.nj.us
If you are having problems with your account, please email your child's name, school, and grade to Roseann Voorhees at rvoorhee@somsd.k12.nj.us.

Progress reports are sent home to all middle and high school students just after the mid-point of each marking period, four times per year. Pupils and their parents are encouraged to consult with teachers regarding academic progress.

Report cards are issued four times a year for secondary students, and are mailed to the students' homes.

Formal parent teacher conferences are only held at the elementary school level. At the secondary school level, parents should arrange conferences by making appointments directly with their child's teachers and guidance counselor.

Arrearages must be paid before the end of the year. Students are notified of any fines that are levied against them for lost and/or abused books and/or equipment, and are responsible for them. No credentials (final report cards or transcripts) will be issued or examination privileges granted to any student until all arrearages are cleared.

Staying Connected

School Messenger: Families will receive communication about emergency closings, student attendance and important information by phone and/or e-mail. Contact your school secretary if you are not receiving phone or e-mail messages from your child's school.

District Website: Log on to the website find out what is happening throughout the district: **www.southorangemaplewood.org**

Follow us on Twitter

- @SOMSDK12 for District news
- Many principals, administrators and teachers have their own twitter accounts

Columbia Cable Network (CCN) Maplewood: Channel 35, South Orange: Channel 19, FIOS Channel 22. Watch these stations for special school and community programming, community calendar, and emergency school closings.

WHO TO CONTACT ABOUT:

Absence			
Elementary		**Secondary**	
Clinton	973-378-7686	CHS	973-762-5600 ext. 1125
Jefferson	973-378-7696		
Marshall	973-378-7698	MMS	973-37-7660 ext. 3002
Seth Boyden	973-378-5209		
South Mountain	973-378-5216	SOMS	973-378-2772
Tuscan	973-378-5246		
Montrose Early Childhood Center	973-378-2086		

Academic Concerns/Academic Placement	
Elementary	**Secondary**
Your child's teacher(s)	Your child's teacher(s)/Team leader
Subject Specific Supervisor	Guidance Department
Principal/Assistant Principal	Subject Specific Supervisor
Office of Curriculum and Instruction	Principal/Assistant Principal
	Office of Curriculum and Instruction

After-Care Program (On-Site Only)	
Elementary	**Middle Schools**
South Mountain YMCA **http://www.metroymcas.org/south-mountain-ymca/after-school-care-program/** 973-762-4145	**YouthNet** http://somayouthnet.org/ **The Hub (MMS Only)** http://www.mmshsa.org/the-hub.html 973-378-7660 ext 3175

Bullying
Call the main office of your child's school and ask to speak to the Principal or Assistant Principal**.**

Curriculum
Your child's teacher(s)
Subject Specific Supervisor
Principal/Assistant Principal
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Good News/Awards/Commendations
If there is something you think is newsworthy or deserves public recognition by the Board of Education, email sturner@somsd.k12.nj.us

PowerSchool
Email rvoorhee@somsd.k12.nj.us
https://powerschool.somsd.k12.nj.us/public/

Registration
Office of the Registrar – 973-762-5600 ext. 1830
Email: Registration@somsd.k12.nj.us

Residency
Office of the Registrar – 973-762-5600 ext. 1830
Residency Hotline - 973-762-5600, ext. 1749

Social emotional well-being of my child	
Elementary	**Secondary**
Your child's teacher(s)	Your child's guidance counselor
Supervisor of the Elementary School Social Work Intern Program 973-762-5600 ext. 1850 or kweiland@somsd.k12.nj.us	Student Assistance Counselors (CHS Only)
Principal/Assistant Principal	Principal/Assistant Principal

Special Needs
Contact Department of Special Services at 973-762-5600 ext. 1840

Special Education PTO (SPED-PTO)	Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
Ann Leeb annleeb@optonline.net	Erin Siders esiders@aol.com

Transportation/Bussing
Call 973-378-9651 ext. 8005

Volunteering
Achieve Tutor Program - Call 973-762-5600 ext. 1847 or email aforman@somsd.k12.nj.us
Achieve Foundation – Call 973-762-5600 ext. 1851 or visit www.achievefoundation.org
School PTAs/HSAs: Contact your school's PTA or HSA to ask about opportunities to volunteer.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES & SCHEDULES:

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2017-2018	
(Opening Bell for students: 7:45)	
Teachers Report 7:48	
Period 1	7:55-8:40 (45min)
Period 2	8:44 - 9:27 (43 minutes)
Period 3	9:31-10:14 (43 minutes)
Period 4	10:18-11:01 (43 minutes)
Period 5 (lunch)	11:05-11:50 (45 minutes)
Period 6 (lunch)	11:54-12:39 (45 minutes)
Period 7 (lunch)	12:43-1:28 (45 minutes)
Period 8	1:32-2:15 (43 minutes)
Period 9	2:19-3:02 (43 minutes)

HALF-DAY BELL SCHEDULE (No lunch served) OPENING BELL FOR STUDENTS 7:45am		*DELAYED OPENING BELL SCHEDULE* In the event of a delayed opening, the school will open at 10:00am	
TIME	**CLASS PERIOD**	**TIME**	**CLASS PERIOD**
		10:00 – 10:18	Enter
7:55 – 8:32	1	10:18- 11:01	4
8:36 – 9:15	2	11:05 – 11:50	5
9:19 – 9:56	3	11:54 – 12:39	6
10:00 – 10:37	4	12:43 – 1:28	7
10:41 – 11:18	8	1:32 – 2:15	8
11:22 – 12:00	9	2:19 – 3:02	9

All Schools – Standardized Testing

Specific grade level testing dates and make-up times will be developed with building administration and communicated at a later date.

Standardized Testing Dates	
4/16 - 5/25	**PARCC**
4/16- 4/27	**PARCC Paper Assessments**
4/9 – 4/25	**DLM grades 3-8 & 11**
To be determined	**Access for ELL Students**
10/11	**PSAT**

Progress and Report Card Dates / Elementary Report Card Dates	
Date	Description
9/12	Elementary School TC Administration 1 begins for grades K-5
10/6	Elementary school term 1 interim reports due (Habits for Success)
10/13	Elementary School TC Administration 1 ends for grades K-5
10/20	Data entry due for TC results 1 (entered into PowerSchool)
11/8	End of elementary school term 1
11/15	Term 1 elementary school report card data entry due
11/16	Data processing begins printing elementary school report cards
11/20	Elementary schools Receive Report Cards
11/21 - 11/28	Schools verify and reprint report cards
11/29 - 12/1	Elementary school parent teacher conferences - elementary school report cards handed to parents
1/12	Elementary school term 2 interim reports due
1/8	Elementary School TC Administration 2 begins for grades K-5
1/26	Elementary School TC Administration 2 ends for grades K-5
2/2	Data entry due for TC results 2 (entered into PowerSchool)
2/9	End of elementary school term 2
2/15	Term 2 elementary school report card data entry due
2/20	Data processing begins printing elementary school report cards
2/22	Elementary schools receive term 2 report cards
2/23 - 2/27	Elementary schools verify and reprint report cards
2/28 – 3/2	Elementary school parent teacher conferences - elementary school report cards handed to parents
4/6	Elementary school term 3 interim reports due
4/16	PARCC Window opens
5/7	Elementary School TC Administration 3 begins for grades K-5
5/25	PARCC Window closes
5/25	Elementary School TC Administration ends for grades K-5
6/1	Data entry due for TC results 3 (entered into PowerSchool)
6/7	End of elementary school term 3
6/8	Term 3 elementary school report card data entry due
6/11	Data processing begins printing elementary school report cards
6/13	Elementary school receive term 3 report cards
6/14- 6/18	Elementary schools verify and reprint report cards

Secondary School Report Card Dates	
10/6	Quarter 1 progress reports due
10/9	Quarter 1 progress reports mailed by this date
11/8	Last day of quarter 1
11/13	First day of quarter 2
11/15	Quarter 1 grades due
11/16	Quarter 1 grades live/ Report cards mailed
12/1	**Middle School** End of trimester 1
12/4	**Middle School** First day of trimester 2
12/7	**Middle School** Trimester 1 grades due
12/8	**Middle School** Trimester 1 grade captured
12/15	Quarter 2 progress reports due
12/18	Quarter 2 progress reports posted live
1/22- 1/26	Mid-term exams - buildings determine testing schedules.
1/26	End of quarter 2
1/29	First day of quarter 3
1/31	Quarter 2 grade changes due
2/1	Grades live/Report cards mailed
3/2	Quarter 3 progress reports due
3/5	Quarter 3 progress reports posted live
3/9	**Middle School** End of trimester 2
3/12	**Middle School** First day of trimester 3
3/15	**Middle School** Trimester 2 grades due
3/16	**Middle School** Trimester 2 grades captured

4/6	**End of quarter 3**
4/16	First day of quarter 4
4/16	PARCC Window Opens
4/18	Quarter 3 grades captured
4/19	Grades Live/Report Cards Mailed
5/11	Quarter 4 progress reports due
5/14	Quarter 4 progress posted live
5/25	PARCC Window Closes
6/15	Quarter 4 and trimester 3 ends
6/13 - 6/15	Final exams - buildings determine testing schedules. Last possible exam date is 6/15
6/19	Quarter 4,**Middle School trimester 3** and final exam grades due
6/21	Quarter 4 and **Middle School trimester 3** grades captured
7/1	Grades live/report cards mailed by this date

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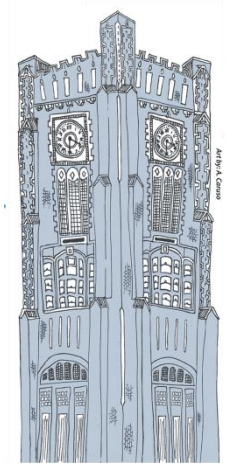
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