

# 2019-2020 Calendar & Handbook

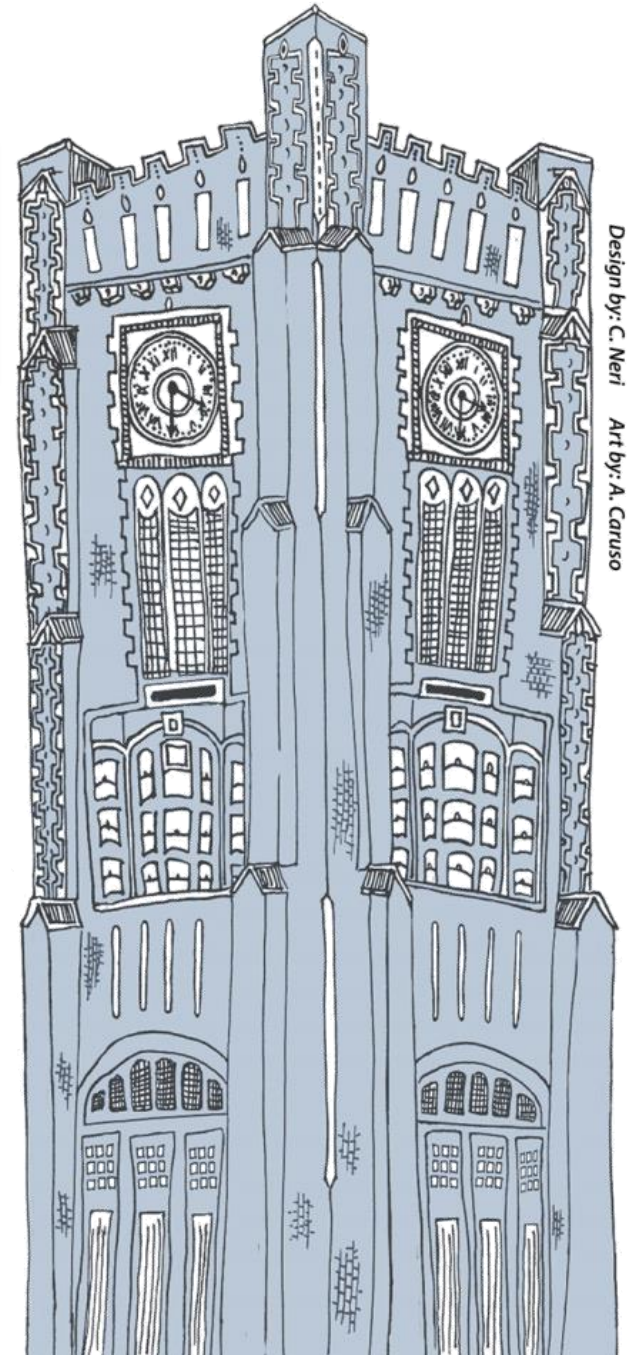
## Calendar Highlights

School & District Closing Dates  
School Events  
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*Dr. Ronald G. Taylor, Superintendent*



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## Superintendent's Welcome Letter

Dear South Orange & Maplewood Family,

Please allow me to be among the first to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! I am honored and humbled to serve as your Superintendent of Schools. Thank you to our Board of Education for entrusting me with the enormous responsibility of leading our District as the designated Chief School Administrator. I do not take this opportunity/responsibility lightly.

You may be aware that I have had several opportunities to meet with parents and stakeholder groups in the months prior to my official appointment. This summer I have been constantly meeting with (or responding to) stakeholders, both internally and externally on a daily basis; in doing so I am gathering very valuable information that will increase my effectiveness. I am however aware that these previously mentioned meetings represented just a very small percentage of our SOMSD Family. So please allow me to tell you about my beliefs and educational philosophy.

- I am **child-centered**, **research-based** and **data-driven** (in that order).
  - I constantly remind our educational professionals that all of the work that we do should be able to be backwards mapped directly to how we positively impact our students. We must also be transparent with our students and families regarding the reasoning and logic behind the decisions that we make;
  - I do not believe in 'experimenting' on our students. We should seek *tried and true* methods and materials that have the support of robust high-quality research; and,
  - I am a staunch proponent of keeping a close eye on our progress. This has to be done by comparing our actual data to the goals that were set prior to implementation. This allows us to both avoid surprises in our achievement outcomes and adjust our instructional practices as needed to have the best academic results.
- My educational philosophy is rooted in Maslow's - *Hierarchy of Needs*, that in short, surmises that we must first meet (satisfy) our students' needs (i.e. physiological, psychological, emotional etc.) before the learner can truly realize their highest potential.
- As a servant leader I view removing impediments to our school family's success as a very significant part of my charge.
- I began my official appointment on July 8, 2019. During this transition time I utilized my first few weeks to focus on three (3) priorities:
  1. **Learning** the culture, practices, processes and challenges of our District;
  2. **Instilling** confidence in stakeholders with regards to my *commitment, abilities* (knowledge-base) and *character* (responsiveness, decisiveness and empathy); and,
  3. **Verifying** that we are prepared to open the school year successfully.

Part of the process of verifying that we are prepared to open school of course includes the high priority of filling employment vacancies. Human Resources has been working diligently with both our Central Office and School-based Leadership Teams to vet the professionals that can potentially become a vital part of the service that we give our community.

Other high priorities include the deep cleaning of our school buildings, the completing of the master scheduling process for each school, the student registration and residency procedures for new and returning students, the completion of the procurement process for needed goods and services. All of these pieces are critical to providing our community with a successful opening of our school year. I would like to take a moment to recognize all of the members of our SOMSD family who worked long hours this summer to ensure that these vital tasks are completed. Much of what they do is not seen but without their efforts we would not be successful.

In closing, please know that I believe our journey is **collaborative**. It's a true cyclical partnership...Students, Parents, Teachers, Support Staff, School Leaders, and Central Administration etc. We need each other to fulfill the mission of our School District...

*"The mission of the South Orange Maplewood School District is to empower and inspire each student to explore and imagine, to pursue personal passions, and to collectively create a better future by creating a learner-centered environment through multiple pathways; re-imagined structures, systems and supports; innovative teaching; partnering with families; and maximizing community expertise and resources."*

**Together** we can ensure our children thrive as we successfully embrace this mission...but we cannot be successful in silos. This work must be done **together**...listening to **everyone's** voice and contributions toward the collective betterment of our district. **Equity** is non-negotiable...**Progress** is non-negotiable...**Student Achievement** is non-negotiable.

Educationally yours,



Dr. Ronald G. Taylor  
Superintendent of Schools

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# 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

## JULY 2019







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-  = District Closed
-  = Schools Closed
-  = Staff day/Schools closed for students
-  = 4Hour day K-12 / 3hour day PreK
-  = 4Hour day K-5 / 3hour day PreK
-  = Give back day if needed. \*See above.

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**\*CHS Graduation Day is Wednesday, June 24th.**

**Emergency Closing & Make Up Days:** Should the District use more than the THREE allotted emergency closing days, the first Make up Day will be **Friday, April 17th**, working *backwards* to **Monday, April 13th** as needed or at the end of the school year if emergency closings occur after **April 17th**.

\*If only TWO emergency school closing days are used, schools will be closed on **Friday, May 22, 2020**.

**NOTE:** *Back-to-School Night* dates for all schools and *School-in-Action Night* dates for middle schools will be posted on the district website and listed in the *2019-2020 School Calendar and Handbook* online.

Give back day: Friday May 22, 2020



CALENDAR APPROVED BY BOE:  
12/28/2018; Amended:  
1/28/2019; 8/19/2019



## SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL CLOSINGS, HALF DAYS & BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Sept. 2, 2019	DISTRICT CLOSED – Labor Day	Dec. 10, 2019	4-HR DAY – (K-12) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – PD for Staff
Sept. 3, 2019	All Teachers Report/Staff Development Day	Dec. 16, 2019	Board of Education Meeting
Sept. 4, 2019	All Teachers Report/Convocation Day	Dec. 20, 2019	4-HR DAY – (K-12) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – Holiday Recess – Students & Staff
Sept. 5, 2019	Students Report – Grades Pre K-7/9	Dec. 23-31, 2019	SCHOOLS CLOSED – Holiday Recess
Sept. 6, 2019	Students Report – Grades 8/10-12	Dec. 24-25, 2019	DISTRICT CLOSED – Holiday Recess
Sept. 12, 2019	Back to School Night – Montrose (4-HR DAY)	Dec. 31, 2019	DISTRICT CLOSED – Holiday Recess
Sept. 16, 2019	Board of Education Meeting	Jan. 1, 2020	DISTRICT CLOSED – Holiday Recess
Sept. 18, 2019	Back to School Night – Clinton (4-HR DAY)	Jan. 6, 2020	Board of Education Meeting – Reorganization Meeting
Sept. 18, 2019	Back to School Night – South Mountain/Annex (4-HR DAY)	Jan. 20, 2020	DISTRICT CLOSED – MLK, Jr. Day
Sept. 18, 2019	Back to School Night – Tuscan (4-HR DAY)	Jan. 27, 2020	Board of Education Meeting
Sept. 18, 2019	Back to School Night – Seth Boyden (4-HR DAY)	Feb. 4, 2020	4-HR DAY – (K-12) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – PD for Staff
Sept. 19, 2019	Back to School Night – Maplewood Middle (4-HR DAY)	Feb. 14, 2020	SCHOOLS CLOSED – Winter Break
Sept. 19, 2019	Back to School Night – South Orange Middle (4-HR DAY)	Feb. 17, 2020	DISTRICT CLOSED – President's Day
Sept. 19, 2019	Back to School Night – Marshall (4-HR DAY)	Feb. 24, 2020	Board of Education Meeting
Sept. 25, 2019	Back to School Night – Jefferson (4-HR DAY)	March 11-12, 2020	4-HR DAY – (K-5) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – Evening Conferences – Students & Staff
Sept. 26, 2019	Back to School Night – Columbia HS (4-HR DAY)	March 13, 2020	4-HR DAY – (K-5) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – Afternoon Conferences – Students ONLY
Sept. 30, 2019	DISTRICT CLOSED – Rosh Hashanah	March 16, 2020	Board of Education Meeting
Oct. 1, 2019	DISTRICT CLOSED – Rosh Hashanah	March 24, 2020	4-HR DAY – (K-12) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – PD for Staff
Oct. 9, 2019	DISTRICT CLOSED – Yom Kippur	April 10, 2020	DISTRICT CLOSED – Good Friday
Oct. 15, 2019	4-HR DAY – (K-12) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – PD for Staff	April 13-17, 2020	SCHOOLS CLOSED – Spring Recess
Oct. 28, 2019	Board of Education Meeting	April 20, 2020	Board of Education Meeting
Nov. 5, 2019	SCHOOLS CLOSED – Students Only – PD for Staff	May 11, 2020	Board of Education Meeting
Nov. 7-8, 2019	SCHOOLS CLOSED – NJEA Convention	May 25, 2020	DISTRICT CLOSED – Memorial Day
Nov. 18, 2019	Board of Education Meeting	June 1, 2020	Board of Education/Staff Recognition/Retirement Meeting
Nov. 27, 2019	4-HR DAY – Thanksgiving Recess	June 22, 2020	Board of Education Meeting
Nov. 28-29, 2019	DISTRICT CLOSED – Thanksgiving Recess	June 22, 2020	4-HR DAY – (K-12) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – Students ONLY
Dec. 4-5, 2019	4-HR DAY – (K-5) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – Evening Conferences – Students & Staff	June 23, 2020	4-HR DAY – Last School Day (K-7/9) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – Students ONLY
Dec. 6, 2019	4-HR DAY – (K-5) 3-HR DAY (Pre-K) – Afternoon Conferences – Students ONLY	June 24, 2020	4-HR DAY – Last School Day (8/10-12) – Students & Staff/CHS Graduation Day

# SEPTEMBER 2019

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

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# SEPTEMBER 2019

## COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

- 1-30 Domareki Gallery Art Exhibition
- 5 Freshmen Fair
- 10 Undergrad Portraits - 7:30 am-2:30 pm
- 11 Financial Aid Night - 7:00 pm
- 25 Senior Parents Night - 7:00 pm
- 26 Back to School Night - 4 Hour Day - 6:30 pm

## MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE

- 4 Welcome Back Luncheon for staff - 12-1:00 pm
- 5 6-7th grade Back to School Celebration - 8-8:25am
- 6 8th grade Back to School Celebration - 8-8:25am
- 19 Back to School Night - 4 Hour Day - 7-9:00 pm
- 25 MMS HSA Meeting - 7:30 - 9:00 pm
- 27 Picture Day - 8:15 am - 3:05 pm

## SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE

- 19 Back to School Night - 4-Hr Day - 7-9:00 pm

## CLINTON

- 4 Teacher Welcome Snacks - 8:05 - 9:00 am
- 5 Back to School Coffee - 8:05 - 8:45 am
- 6 Ice Cream Social - 6-7:30pm
- 6 School Pride Day
- 13 Farmers Market
- 16 Teacher Preview Luncheon
- 18 Back to School Night - 4-Hr Day
- 17-20 Book Fair

## JEFFERSON

- 3 Welcome Back Play Date - 3-5:00 pm
- 5 PTA Sponsored 1st Day Coffee - 8:05-8:45 am
- 6 Ice Cream Social - 6:30-8 pm
- 12 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 13 Welcome Back Staff Luncheon
- 20 Marshall/Jefferson School Spirit Day
- 25 Back to School Night - 4-Hr Day - 7:00 pm
- 25 PTA General Meeting - 7:00 pm

## MARSHALL

- 5 PTA Coffee - 8:45-9:45 am
- 11 Marshall PTA Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 13 Ice Cream Social - 6-8:00 pm
- 18 Back to School Night - 4-Hr Day
- 20 School Spirit Day
- 26 Marshall School Pictures
- 27 Marshall School Pictures

## MONTROSE

- 5 Orientation Day (@ Montrose) 8:45-9:30 am
- 5 Orientation Day (@ Marshall) 9:45-10:30 am
- 12 Back to School Night - 4-Hr Day - 6:30-8:00 pm
- 20 School Spirit Day - Wear School Colors
- 21 Achieve Foundation 5K/Kids Fun Run
- 26/27 Picture Day (@ Marshall)

## SETH BOYDEN

- 4 Teacher's Luncheon - 12-2:00 pm
- 5 First Day Coffee - 9-10:00 am
- 13 Ice Cream Social - 6:30-8:00 pm
- 14 PTA General Meeting - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 16 OLC Committee Meeting
- 18 Back To School Night - 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- 21 OLC Fall Family Workday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 27 School Spirit Day

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN

- 4 Kindergarten Play Date
- 5 Back to School Welcome Coffee/Open PTA Mtg. - 8:30 am
- 13-17 Book Fair
- 18 SMS/Annex Back to School Night - 5:30-8:00 pm
- 18-20 Book Fair
- 26 Back to School Social - 5:30-7:00 pm

## TUSCAN

- 4 Welcome Back Lunch for Teachers
- 5 First Day PTA Coffee & Welcome
- 13 Field Day
- 13 Ice Cream Social - 6:00 pm
- 18 Back to School Night - 4-Hr Day - 6:30 pm (Grades K, 2 & 4); 7:30 pm (Grades 1, 3 & 5)
- 19 School Photos Day 1
- 20 School Photos Day 2
- 23 PTA Meeting (all meetings eveing except where noted)
- 23-24 Farmer's Market
- 27 Field Day - Rain Date
- 27 Book Fair Drop Off/Setup

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# Maplewood Middle School

## Grades (6-8)

7 Burnet Street, Maplewood

973-378-7660 then extension, where listed

Fax: 973-378-5247

School Hours: 8:15am-3:05pm

4-Hour Session: 8:15am-12:30pm

Student/Teacher Conference: 3:05-3:15pm

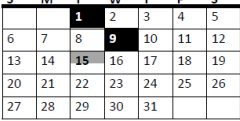
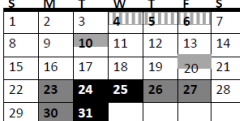
Principal's Office	Ext.
<b>Dara Gronau, Principal</b>	3000
Fiona Betty, Secretary to the Principal/Office Manager	3001
Beatrice Bunch, Main Office Secretary	3000
Assistant Principals	
<b>Louis Brown</b>	3007
<b>Michael Chiles, Interim</b>	3008
Adminstration	
Attendance/Absence Calls	3002
Guidance Department	3030
Julie Porter, Nurse	3009
Evyn Degnan, Media Specialist	3036
Home & School Association	
Veronica Olazabal - volazabal@gmail.com	
Kelly Harris - kellyannharris@gmail.com	
HSA Website: www.mmshsa.org	



# OCTOBER 2019

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL	MARSHALL
1 Domareki Gallery Opening	16 Marshall PTA General Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
10 Undergrad Portraits - 7:45 am-2:45 pm	18 School Spirit Day
11 Pep Rally	31 Halloween Parade - 2:30-3:00 pm
11 Homecoming - 6-9:00 pm	MONTROSE
15 Food Truck Festival - 12:00 pm	8 PTA Meeting - 8:45-9:45 am
16 Junior Parents Night - 7:00 pm	18 Spirit Day - Dress Like a Super Hero
17 Principal's Roundtable - 7:00 pm	22 Picture Day
22 String Orchestra Chamber Concert - 7:00 pm	31 Halloween Parade - 1:35 pm - 2:30 pm
23 Sophomore Parents Night - 7:00 pm	SETH BOYDEN
24-25 Senior Photo Makeups - 2:30-8:00 pm	2 Town Hall with Dr. Ronald G. Taylor, Superintendent - 7:30 pm
29 Undergrad Photo Makeups - 11:00 am-5:00 pm	16 PTA General Meeting - 7-8:30 pm
MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL	19 Tentative Harvest Festival
16 MMS HSA Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm	25 School Spirit Day
SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL	28 PTA Board Meeting - 7-9:00 pm
12 Ice Cream Social - 6-7:30 pm	30 School Pictures - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
15 Picture Day - 8:30 am-3:00 pm	SOUTH MOUNTAIN
24 HSA Meeting - 7:30 pm	2-4 Week of Respect
CLINTON	7-8 Picture Day
4 School Pride Day	10 PTA Board Meeting - 7-8:00 pm
4 Trivia Night -7-11:00 pm	12 Fall Festival - 12:30-3:00 pm
10 PTA Meeting - General - 7:30-8:30 pm	16-17 5th Grade Picture Day
16 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm	19 Fall Festival (Raindate) - 12:30-3:00 pm
19 Annual Pumpkin Patch - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm	28-31 Circus Residency
29 Lockdown - Talking to Kids About School Violence - 7:30 pm	TUSCAN
31 Halloween Parade	2 TV Turn Off Begins
JEFFERSON	2 National Walk to School Day
2 Walk to School Day	2 Book Fair Day 1
8 Walk-a-thon	2 National Custodian Day
3-4 Picture Day	3 Book Fair Day 2
10 Marshall/Jefferson Variety Show Audition	3 Book Fair Family Night
17 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm	4 Brook Fair Wrap Up
18 Marshall/Jefferson School Spirit Day	7 Book Fair Pick Up
31 Halloween Parade - 1:30 pm	28 PTA Meeting
TBD 5th Grade Social	31 Halloween Parade

# NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

School Hours: 8:15am-3:05pm

4-Hour Session: 8:15am-12:30pm

Student/Teacher Conference: 3:05-3:15pm

#### Principal's Office

Ext.

**Lynn Irby, Principal**

2000

Bernadine Smith, Secretary to the  
Principal/Office Manager

2000

Sandra Ritchwood, Main Office Secretary

2001

#### Assistant Principals

**James Jennings**

2006

**James Waldron**

2005

#### Administration

Attendance/Absence Calls

2003

Guidance Department

2007

Keith Turpin, Nurse

2013

Lora Tazewell, Media Specialist

2015

#### Home & School Association

Verna Jackson - vejackson23@gmail.com

Shayna Sackett-Gable - shaynasackett@gmail.com

HSA Website: [www.somshsa.org](http://www.somshsa.org)



# NOVEMBER 2019

#### COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

- 1-30 Alumni Exhibition - Domareki Gallery
- 13 Freshmen Parents Night
- 14 Fall Band Concert - 7:00 pm
- 15 Parnassian Opening Night - 8:00 pm
- 16 Parnassian Performance - 8:00 pm
- 17 Parnassian Performance - 2:00 pm
- 22 A Cappella Fall Show
- 22-23 Parnassian Performance - 8:00 pm

#### MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 15 Make-up Picture Day - 8:15 am-3:05 pm
- 20 MMS HSA Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm

#### SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE

- 14 Picture Day Retakes
- 26 HSA Meeting - 7:30 pm

#### CLINTON

- 1 School Pride Day
- 12
- 20 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30 - 9:00 pm

#### JEFFERSON

- 14 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 15 Marshall/Jefferson School Spirit Day
- 14 Marshall/Jefferson Variety Show Callbacks

#### MARSHALL

- 5 PTA Election Day Bake Sale
- 13 PTA Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 15 School Spirit Day

#### MONTROSE

- 13 PTA Meeting & Family Pizza Party - 6:30-8:00 pm
- 15 Spirit Day - Wear Favorite Team Colors, Hat or Jersey

#### SETH BOYDEN

- 16 PTA General Meeting - 10-11:30 am
- 22 School Spirit Day
- 23 SB Turkey Trot 5K

#### SOUTH MOUNTAIN

- 15 PTA Board Meeting - 8:15-9:30 am
- 25-27 Week of Thankfulness

#### TUSCAN

- 16 PTA Meeting @ Maplewood Memorial Library - 11:00 am
- 18 Food Drive Week
- 18 Photo Retake Day
- 20 Mindfulness for Children - 7:30 pm

# DECEMBER 2019

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## Clinton Elementary School

### Grades K-5

27 Berkshire Road, Maplewood  
 973-378-7686 then extension, where listed  
 Fax: 973-378-5241  
 School Hours: 8:05am-2:35pm  
 4-Hour Session: 8:05am-12:05pm

Principal's Office	Ext.
Jennifer Connors, Principal	5000
Vineta Budhu, Secretary to the Principal/Office Manager	5000
Kathleen Robinson, Clerical Aide	5000
Assistant Principal	
Sandra Smith	5000
Administration	
Main Office	5000
Attendance/Absence Calls	5000
Joann Harrigan, Nurse	5003
Jennifer Latimer, Media Specialist	5004

**Clinton Parent Teacher Association**  
 Candice Davenport - candice.clintonpta@gmail.com  
 Kali Williams - kali.clintonpta@gmail.com  
 PTA Website: www.clintonelementary.org



# DECEMBER 2019

## COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

- 2 Alumni Exhibition - Domareki Gallery
- 4 Choir Day featuring SOMS, MMS, and CHS Choirs - 8:15 am - 3:15 pm
- 11 AP Night - 7-9:00 pm
- 12 Principal's Roundtable - 7:00 pm
- 18 Choir Winter Concert - 7:00 pm

## MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 12 Winter Choral Concert - 7:00 pm
- 16 Staff Luncheon/Spirit Week - 11:00-1:30 pm
- 17 Spirit Week
- 18 HSA Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 19 Spirit Week
- 20 Battle of the Classes - 1:30-3:05 pm

## SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 12 Picture Day for Clubs & Candids
- 17 Choir Winter Concert - All Grades - 7-9:00 pm
- 18 CHS Winter Choral Festival with MMS & SOMS

## CLINTON

- 2 School Pride Day
- 7 Winter Craft Fair - 11:00 am-2:00 pm
- 11 Cafeteria Staff Breakfast
- 18 Teacher Holiday Luncheon - 10:30 am
- 12 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm

## JEFFERSON

- 2-6 Scholastic Book Fair
- 11-13 Marshall/Jefferson Variety Show Final Rehearsal
- 14 Variety Show
- 19 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 20 Marshall/Jefferson School Spirit Day
- TBD Dickens Village Choir
- TBD Holiday Staff Luncheon

## MARSHALL

- 18 PTA Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 19 School Spirit Day
- 20 Staff Holiday Breakfast

## MONTRORSE

- 11 PTA Meeting - 8:45-9:30 am
- 20 School Spirit Day - Pajama Day

## SETH BOYDEN

- 2-6 Book Fair - 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN

- 13 School Musical - 7-8:30 pm
- 14-15 School Musical - 2-3:30 pm

## TUSCAN



# JANUARY 2020

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## Jefferson Elementary Grades 3-5

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

School Hours: 8:05am-2:35pm  
4-Hour Session: 8:05am-12:05pm

Principal's Office	Ext.
Kimberly Hutchinson, Principal	5500
Lisa Fallone, Secretary to the Principal/Office Manager	5500
Jeannette Copeland, Clerical Aide	5501
Assistant Principal	
Angel Rivera	5505

Administration	
Main Office Number	5500
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Carol Scalgione, Nurse	5503
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# JANUARY 2020

## COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

- 6-31 Art Faculty Show - Domareki Gallery
- 14 String Orchestra Concert
- 16 Winter Band Concert - 7:00 pm

## MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 15 HSA Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 17 MLK Silent Peace March - 9:15-10:15 pm
- 21 Winter Band Concert - 7:00 pm
- 28 Orchestra Winter Concert - 7:00 pm

## SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 15 Orchestra Winter Concert - 7-9:00 pm
- 22 Band Winter Concert - 7-9:00 pm
- 28 HSA Meeting - 7:30 pm

## CLINTON

- Month Long - MAPSO Cares Food Drive
- 3 School Pride Day
- 15 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm

## JEFFERSON

- 16 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 17 Marshall/Jefferson School Spirit Day
- 6-31 Marshall/Jefferson Read-A-Thon

## MARSHALL

- 6-31 Read-A-Thon Fundraiser
- 15 Marshall School MLK Day of Service Project - KICK OFF DAY!
- 15 PTA General Meeting - 7-8:30 pm
- 15 Math Curriculum Night
- 17 School Spirit Day
- 24 Marshall Diversity Festival

## MONTROSE

- 8 PTA Meeting - 7-8:30 pm
- 18 Spirit Day - Mismatch" Day

## SETH BOYDEN

- 10 Movie Night - 6:30-8:30 pm
- 17 MLK Day Assembly (Tentative)
- 31 School Spirit Day

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN

- 10 PTA Board Meeting 8:30-9:30 pm
- 14 Screenagers Screening - 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- 16 MLK - Acts of Service Day
- 28 The Impact of Technology & Media on Growing Minds - 7:30 pm
- 31 World Fest - 6-8:00 pm

## TUSCAN

- 13 PTA Meeting
- 17 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peacemaker Assembly
- 24 International Night

# FEBRUARY 2020

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## Marshall Elementary Grades K-2

262 Grove Road, South Orange  
973-378-7698 then extension, where listed  
Fax: 973-378-5243  
School Hours: 8:45am-3:15pm  
4-Hour Session: 8:45am-12:45pm

Principal's Office	Ext.
<b>Raquel Horn, Principal</b>	6000
Adaliana Cuadrado, Secretary to the Principal/Office Manager	6000
Magda Toledo, Clerical Aide	6011
Assistant Principal	
<b>Laura Swyerius</b>	6002

Administration	
Main Office Number	6000
Attendance/Absence Calls	6000
Jean Johnson, Nurse	6003
Maria Kazanis, Media Specialist	

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# FEBRUARY 2020

## COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

- 3 Alumni Exhibition - Domareki Gallery
- 5 Band Chamber Music Night - 7:00 pm
- 11 String Orchestra Chamber Concert - 7:00 pm
- 11 Principal's Roundtable - 7:00 pm
- 25 8th Grade Parent Night
- 27 Jazz Ensemble Concert - 7:00 pm

## MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 4 Orchestra Winter Concert - 7:00 pm
- 5 Black History Month Program
- 6 Winter Band Concert (Rain Date) - 7:00 pm
- 7 MMS Trivia Night
- 19 HSA Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 20 Black History Celebration/Table Tennis Tournament
- 28-29 MMS Musical - 7-10:00 pm

## SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 7 Trivia Night - 7-11:00 pm
- 25 HSA Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 26 Music in Our Schools Month Concert - 7-9:00 pm

## CLINTON

- 4 Read-A-Thon Starts
- 6 International Dinner - 6:30-8:30 pm
- 7 School Pride Day
- 19 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm

## JEFFERSON

- 19 SOMSD 2021 Update with Dr. Ronald G. Taylor, Superintendent - 7:30 pm
- 20 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 21 Marshall/Jefferson School Spirit Day

## MARSHALL

- 14 Valentine's Day Events
- 19 Marshall PTA Board meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 21 School Spirit Day

## MONTROSE

- 12 PTA Meeting - 8:45-9:45 am
- 21 Spirit Day - Monochromatic Day (wear all one color)

## SETH BOYDEN

- 8 PTA Auction
- 19 PTA General Meeting - 7-9:00 pm
- 27 Black History Month Gallery Night - 6:30-8:00 pm
- 28 School Spirit Day

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN

- 6 Open PTA Board Meeting 7-9:00 pm
- 7 Movie Night #1 - 6-8:00 pm
- 20 Roller Skating Night - 5:30-7:00 pm
- 26 Global Play Day - 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

## TUSCAN

- 10 PTA Meeting
- 10 100th Day Drive (all week)
- 21 A Celebration of Black History

# MARCH 2020

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## Montrose Early Children Center Pre-K (Ages 3-5)

356 Clark Street, South Orange @ Montrose

262 Grove Road, South Orange @ Marshall

973-378-2086 then extension, where listed

Fax: 973-378-2085

School Hours: 8:30 am-2:30 pm @ Montrose

School Hours: 8:50 am-2:50 pm @ Marshall

3-Hour Session: 8:30 am - 11:30 am @ Montrose

3-Hour Session: 8:50 am-11:50 am @ Marshall

### Principal's Office

<b>Bonita Samuels, Principal</b>	7500
Anna Provenzano, Secretary to the Principal/Office Manager	7500

### Support Staff

Main Office Number	7500
Steffie Golden, Nurse	7503
Preschool Child Study Team	7606, 7608
Rebecca Millgan, Preschl Social Worker	7605

### Montrose Parent Teacher Association

Nicole Kleinbaum - nicole@kleinbaum.org

Hannah Zollman - hannah@zollman.com

meccpta@gmail.com

PTA Website: www.montrosepta.org



# MARCH 2020

### COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

2-31	Art Exhibition AP Studio Art Students - Domareki Gallery
4	College Fair
13-14	All School Musical - 7:30 pm
15	All School Musical - 2:00 pm
20-21	All School Musical - 7:30 pm
22	All School Musical - 2:00 pm

### MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

1	MMS Musical - 2-5:00 pm
18	HSA Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
19	Welcome to Middle School - 7-8:00 pm
25	March Concert - 7:00 pm

### SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

6	All School Musical Fundraiser
19	Welcome to Middle School
31	HSA Meeting - 7:30 pm

### CLINTON

1	Clinton School Pride Day
18	PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
20	Clinton All-School Musical Revue - Evening
21	Clinton All-School Musical Revue - Morning & Afternoon

### JEFFERSON

19	PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
20	Marshall/Jefferson School Spirit Day
28	Marshall/Jefferson Fundraiser - 7-11:00 pm
TBD	Black History Choir
TBD	Rollerskating Party

### MARSHALL

2-31	MAPSO Cares Food Drive at Marshall
9	Playground Politics - 7:00 pm
18	Marshall PTA GENERAL Meeting (7:30 - 9:00pm)
20	School Spirit Day!
20	Camp Marshall
28	M/J Big Spring Fundraiser - Adults only - 7:00pm

### MONTROSE

6	Nutrition Month @ Montrose & Marshall (Wear Green - Become a Healthy Green Food)
13	Nutrition Month @ Montrose & Marshall (Wear Yellow - Become a Healthy Yellow Food)
18	PTA Meeting - 7-8:30 pm
20	Down Syndrome Awareness Day
20	Silly Socks Day
27	Nutrition Month @ Montrose & Marshall (Wear Orange - become a healthy orange food)

### SETH BOYDEN

16-20	Circus Week
27	School Spirit Day

### SOUTH MOUNTAIN

6	PTA Board Meeting - 8:30-9:30 am
20	Movie Night #2 - 6-8:00 pm
30-31	Annex Circus

### TUSCAN

30	Tuscan Show Dress Rehearsals and Tech (all week)
TBD	Spring Thing
TBD	PTA Meeting (daytime Morning Meeting)

# APRIL 2020

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973-378-5209 then extension, where listed  
Fax: 973-378-5244  
School Hours: 8:45am-3:15pm  
4-Hour Session: 8:45am-12:45pm

### Principal's Office Ext.

Shannon Glander, Principal 6500

Marianne Faugno, Secretary to the Principal/Office Manager 6500

Catherine Cadorette, Clerical Aide 6501

### Assistant Principal

Sheila Murphy 6505

### Administration

Main Office Number 6500

Attendance/Absence Calls 6500

Nancy Weinstein, Nurse 6503

Janine Poutre, Media Specialist 6504

### Seth Boyden Parent Teacher Association

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elizabethrleonard@yahoo.com

Denise Anderson, Vice President -  
deniseandersonassociates@gmail.com

Stacy Merriweather-Fontil, Secretary

Jane Buchanan, Treasurer

PTA Website: [www.sethboydenpta.org](http://www.sethboydenpta.org)



# APRIL 2020

### COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

- 1-30 Photography Exhibition - Domareki Gallery
- 3 Shakespeare Festival Performance
- 8 School in Action Night
- 23 Principal's Roundtable - 7:00 pm
- 23 Spring Band Concert - 7:00 pm
- 28 Final String Orchestra Chamber Concert - 7:00 pm
- 28 Marching Band Open House - 7:00 pm

### MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 22 HSA Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 23 Math Information Night

### SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 3 School Musical - 7:00 pm
- 4 School Musical - 5:00 pm
- 5 School Musical - 2:00 pm
- 23 Math Information Night
- 27-30 NJSLA Testing - 6th Grade
- 28 HSA Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

### CLINTON

- 3 School Pride Day
- 4 School Auction
- 8 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

### JEFFERSON

- 23 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 24 Marshall/Jefferson School Spirit Day
- TBD Teacher Appreciation
- TBD Art Show

### MARSHALL

- 1-30 Autism Awareness Month
- 8 Marshall PTA Board Meeting (7:30 - 9:00 pm)

### MONTROSE

- 2 Autism Awareness Day - Wear Blue
- 2 Blowing Bubbles - 1:45 pm
- 3 Pajama Day & PTA Sleep Under - 6:30-8:30 pm
- 8 PTA Meeting - 8:45-9:45 am

### SETH BOYDEN

- 4 PTA General Meeting - 10-11:30 am
- 24 School Spirit Day

### SOUTH MOUNTAIN

- 1 Annex Circus
- 2 PTA Board Meeting - 7-9:00 pm
- 2-3 Annex Circus
- 22 Earth Day/Green Team

### TUSCAN

- 3-5 Tuscan Show
- 8 Assistant Principals Day
- 22 Administrative Professionals Day
- 27 PTA Meeting
- 28 Always Changing - 7:30 pm

# MAY 2020

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## South Mountain Elementary/Annex Grades K-5

*South Mountain Elementary School*  
444 West South Orange Avenue, South Orange  
973-378-5216 then extension, where listed  
Fax: 973-378-5620

*Grades: Kindergarten & 2-5*

*School Hours: 8:10am-2:40pm*

*4 Hour Session: 8:10-12:10pm*

Principal's Office	Ext.
Kevin Mason, Principal	4500
Lisa Pyne, Secretary to the Principal/Office Manager	4500
Treena Goodman, Clerical Aide	4510

Assistant Principal	
Shane Zeigler	4502

Administration	
Main Office Number	4500
Attendance/Absence Calls	973-378-5216
Sharyn Wills, Nurse	4503
Catherine Campbell, Media Specialist	4505

Annex	
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*South Mountain Elementary School Annex*  
112 Glenview Road, South Orange  
973-378-2800 then extension, where listed  
Fax: 973-378-2033

*Grades: Kindergarten & 1*

*School Hours: 8:00am-2:30pm*

*4 Hour Session: 8:00am-12:00pm*

Administration	
Main Office Number	4000
Principal/Assistant Principal	4001
Andrea Dudley, Secretary to the Principal/Office Manager	4000
Stacey Maeber/Library Secretary	4004
Nina Treitler, Nurse	4003

### South Mountain Parent Teacher Association

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# MAY 2020

## COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

- 1-31 Art Exhibition - Domareki Gallery
- 15-16 Special Dance Company Performance
- 24 String Orchestra Concert - 7:00 pm
- 28 Spring Choral Concert - 7:00 pm
- 30 A Cappella Spring Show - 7:00 pm

## MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 13 Spring Band Concert - 7:00 pm
- 15 High Note Festival Trip
- 19 Orchestra Spring Performance - 7:00 pm
- 21 Spring Choral Concert - 7-9:00 pm
- 27 MMS HSA Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 28 School-In-Action Night - 7-9:00 pm

## SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 4-7 NJSLA Testing - 7th Grade
- 11-14 NJSLA Testing - 8th Grade
- 13 Orchestra Spring Concert - 7-9:00 pm
- 14 Chorus Concert - 7:00 pm
- 18-19 NJSLA Testing - Make-ups
- 20 Band Spring Concert (6th, 7th, & 8th grades) - 7-9:00 pm
- 21 School in Action Night - 4-Hr Day - 7-9:00 pm
- 22 High Note Festival
- 26 HSA Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 27 Choir Spring Concert - 7-9:00 pm
- 27-28 8th Grade Science Testing

## CLINTON

- 1 School Pride Day
- 4 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4 Spring Book Fair Teacher Luncheon
- 5-9 Book Fair
- 6 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 13 Concert (Chorus, 5th Grade Band/Orchestra) - 7:00 pm
- 21 Art Festival - 5:30 -7:00 pm
- 22 Field Day/Rainbow Picture

## JEFFERSON

- 1 National Principals Day
- 15 Marshall/Jefferson School Spirit Day
- 21 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- TBD 5th Grade Chorus
- TBD Field Day
- TBD 3rd Grade Orientation

## MARSHALL

- 4-8 Staff Appreciation Week
- 4-8 Teacher Time Raffle
- 14 Grade 2 Music Festival
- 15 School Spirit Day

## MARSHALL - Cont'd.

- 29 Marshall Kindergarten Orientation
- 29 Scholastic Book Fair
- 20 PTA Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 22 Field Day
- 27 Parent Orientation @ Jefferson (Grade 2 parents ONLY) - Evening
- 28 Parent Orientation @ Jefferson (Grade 2 parents ONLY) - Morning

## MONTROSE

- 4-8 School Staff Appreciation Week
- 13 PTA Meeting - Pizza Night - 6:30-8:00 pm
- 15 Spirit Day - "Bring Your Favorite Book" Day

## SETH BOYDEN

- 1 Lunch Aide Luncheon
- 5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7 Spring Concert/Art Show - 6-8:00 pm
- 19 PTA General Meeting - 7-9:00 pm
- 21 Field Day (Tentative) 9:00- 3:00 pm
- 29 School Spirit Day

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN

- 1 PTA Board Meeting - 8:30-9:30 am
- 18 Spring Concert (Chorus, 5th Grade Band/Orchestra) @ SOMS - 7:00 pm
- 18-22 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 21 Art Show/ Music Variety Show
- 27 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
- 29 School Spirit Day - 1:00 pm

## TUSCAN

- 1 School Principal's Day
- 1 Fiesta
- 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6 Project ACES
- 7 School Nurses Day
- 9 Tuscan Fair
- 12 Spring Concert @ SOMS
- 28 Tuscan Art Show - 5:30-7:30 pm





# JUNE 2020

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## Tuscan Elementary Grades K-5

25 Harvard Avenue, Maplewood  
973-378-5221 then extension, where listed  
Fax: 973-378-7626  
School Hours: 8:45am-3:15pm  
4-Hour Session: 8:45am-12:45pm

Principal's Office	Ext.
Malikah Majeed, Principal	7000
Fay Clark, Secretary to the Principal/Office Manager	7000
Sabrina Bethea, Clerical Aide	7000
Assistant Principal	
Brad Bertani	7005

Administration	
Main Office Number	7000
Attendance/Absence Calls	7000
Angela Thompson, Nurse	7003
Theresa Murphy, Academic Intervention Specialist	7000

**Tuscan Elementary Parent Teacher Association**  
Erin Scherzer - Tuscanschoolpta@gmail.com  
Jodi Barnhart - Tuscanschoolpta@gmail.com  
PTA Website: www.tuscanpta.org



## JUNE 2020

### COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

- 1-24 Alumni Exhibition - Domareki Gallery
- 3 Senior Recognition Night
- 4 Pops on Parker Concert - 6:00 pm
- 6 Choir Chamber Series - 7:00 pm
- 11 Band Recital Night - 7:00 pm
- 11 Principal's Roundtable - 7:00 pm
- 12 Choir Chamber Series - 7:00 pm
- 14 Choir Chamber Series - 2:00 pm
- 24 Graduation

### MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 17 HSA Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 24 MMS Moving Up Ceremony - 9-10:00 am

### SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 4-7 Disney Trip
- 11-12 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC
- 17 8th Grade Dinner Dance

### CLINTON

- 3 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 5 School Pride Day
- 11 Outdoor Picnic/School Fair - 4:30-7:00 pm
- 18 Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony - 9-10:00 am
- 23 Teacher Luncheon - 12:15 pm

### JEFFERSON

- 3 3rd Grade Orientation (STUDENTS ONLY)
- 11 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 19 Moving On Ceremony
- 22 Clap Out
- TBD Camp Mason
- TBD Chorus Concert
- TBD America's Young Voices
- TBD Volunteer Appreciation Event

### MARSHALL

- 3 Jefferson School Orientation (2nd grade students ONLY) - Morning
- 10 PTA Meeting - 7:30-9:00 pm
- 10-12 Marshall Kindergarten Screening
- 12 School Spirit Day
- 15 Marshall Kindergarten Screening
- 22 Second Grade Clap Out
- 22 Kindergarten Day of Play

### MONTROSE

- 5 New Student Orientation 10-11:00 am
- 10 PTA Meeting - 8:45-9:45 am
- 12 School Spirit Day - Wear "School Colors" Day
- 12 Moving Up to Kindergarten Program - 10-10:45 am

### SETH BOYDEN

- 9 Kindergarten Orientation - 9-11:00 am
- 9 Fifth Grade Trip to Camp Bernie - 9:00-6:30 pm
- 11 Kindergarten Screening - 2-6:00 pm
- 12 Kindergarten Screening - 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- 12 Fifth Grade Pool Party - 12-3:00 pm
- 16 Kindergarten Learning & Growing Celebration - 10-11:30
- 19 Ice Cream Social - 6:30-8:00 pm
- 22 Fifth Grade Graduation - 9:30-11:30 am

### SOUTH MOUNTAIN

- 4 School Spirit Day (Raindate) - 1:00-2:30 pm
- 4 PTA Board Meeting - 7-9:00 pm
- 5 School Fair - 5-7:00 pm
- 12 School Fair (Raindate) - 5-7:00 pm
- 22 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony - 9-10:30 am

### TUSCAN

- 1 PTA Meeting
- 5 Kindergarten Orientation
- 5 Kindergarten Assembly
- 19 Tuscan Rainbow
- 19 Chalk it Up to Another Great School Year!
- 22 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- 23 5th Grade Clap Out

## 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 every month. 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 security drill 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 the Transportation Office 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 four options: 1) Deposit money in MyPaymentsPlus lunch account online (plus associated fees); 2) Send a lunch from home; 3) Bring in a check or money order to school to pay for lunch; or 4) Go to Columbia HS to make payments on your child's account (cash is accepted in person).

**Middle & High Schools:** Student share four options: 1) Deposit money in MyPaymentsPlus lunch account (plus associated fees); 2) Send cash to school daily; 3) Bring in a check or money order to school to pay for lunch; or 4) 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](http://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 **Friday, April 17th**, working backwards to **Monday, April 13th** as needed or at the end of the school year if emergency closings occur after **April 17th**.

If only TWO emergency school closing days are used, schools will be closed on **Friday, May 22, 2020**.

## POWERSCHOOL

PowerSchool Parent Portal help is available via resources on the District's website at:

<https://www.somsd.k12.nj.us/district/information-technology/parentportalhelp/>

Links to the documents are shown below for review. If the resources below do not address your parent portal question, please email:

[parentportalhelp@somsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:parentportalhelp@somsd.k12.nj.us).

**Please note: General response times are within 24 - 48 business hours. Response times may vary based upon support request volume.**

- [How to access the parent portal.](#)
- [How to reset your parent portal account.](#)
- [How to add additional students to your account.](#)
- [How to access the back to school / welcome packets.](#)
- [Mobile Application \(iOS / Android\) information.](#)

## PARENTING CENTER

The [Parenting Center](#) serves elementary school families in the South Orange Maplewood School District. The Center's goal is to be a dynamic resource in our community addressing children's needs and parent's concerns. Its aim is to provide parents with a full range of supports as they help their children grow and develop.

The Parenting Center is founded on the belief that occasionally every parent needs support - often just a conversation with peers and/or professionals - to help with parenting issues and concerns. We are here to support parents and families in our school district. Participation is voluntary, free and on an "as needed" basis.

Parenting Center Contact Information:

Ms. Karen Weiland, Elementary Social Worker

<https://www.theparentingcenter.info/>

Email: [kweiland@somsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:kweiland@somsd.k12.nj.us) / Tel.: (973) 762-5600 ext 1850

## ACHIEVE FOUNDATION – SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD

The [Achieve Foundation of South Orange & Maplewood](#) raises funds to promote exemplary public education for all students and educators in our community. Achieve is a registered, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Many community volunteers join together to pursue its mission by organizing events and campaigns and by seeking corporate and institutional grants. Achieve's funds are distributed exclusively to educators in the ten schools of the School District of South Orange and Maplewood for classroom grants, volunteer tutors, professional development, innovative pilot programs and much more to enrich the learning experience at all grade levels.

### Our Objectives

- Support educational excellence and innovation.
- Foster equal educational opportunities for all children.
- Advance best teaching practices.
- Encourage parent and community participation in our schools.
- Improve facilities to further school pride.

Achieve Foundation Contact Information:

Ms. Eileen Neri, Executive Director

Email: [director@achievefoundation.org](mailto:director@achievefoundation.org) / Tel.: (973) 762-5600, ext 1851

Mailing address:

Achieve Foundation

P.O. Box 1084

Maplewood, NJ 07040

## 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
<b>South Mountain YMCA</b>	<b>YouthNet</b>
<a href="http://www.metroymcas.org/south-mountain-ymca/after-school-care-program/">http://www.metroymcas.org/south-mountain-ymca/after-school-care-program/</a>	<a href="http://sodayouthnet.org/">http://sodayouthnet.org/</a>
973-762-4145	<b>The Hub (MMS Only)</b>
	<a href="http://www.mmshsa.org/the-hub.html">http://www.mmshsa.org/the-hub.html</a>
	973-378-7660 ext 3175

Bullying
Link to Report Allegations of HIB: <a href="https://reporting.hibster.com/Pages/Home.aspx?id=258">https://reporting.hibster.com/Pages/Home.aspx?id=258</a>
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

PowerSchool Assistance
Email: <a href="mailto:parentportalhelp@somds.k12.nj.us">parentportalhelp@somds.k12.nj.us</a>

Registration
Office of the Registrar – 973-762-5600 ext. 1830
Email: <a href="mailto:Registration@somds.k12.nj.us">Registration@somds.k12.nj.us</a>

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 <a href="mailto:kweiland@somds.k12.nj.us">kweiland@somds.k12.nj.us</a>	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 Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)	
Ann Leeb (Vice President for Outreach) <a href="mailto:annleeb@optonline.net">annleeb@optonline.net</a>	Michele Richman <a href="mailto:michrichman@gmail.com">michrichman@gmail.com</a>

Volunteering
Achieve Tutor Program - Call 973-762-5600 ext. 1847 <a href="mailto:aforman@somds.k12.nj.us">aforman@somds.k12.nj.us</a>
Achieve Foundation – Call 973-762-5600 ext. 1851 <a href="http://www.achievethefoundation.org">www.achievethefoundation.org</a>
<b>School PTAs/HSAs:</b> Contact your school's PTA or HSA to ask about opportunities to volunteer.

Good News/Awards/Commendations
If there is something you think is newsworthy or deserves public recognition by the Board of Education, email: <a href="mailto:communications@somds.k12.nj.us">communications@somds.k12.nj.us</a>



### 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 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 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 at: [www.powerschool.somds.k12.nj.us](http://www.powerschool.somds.k12.nj.us)

If you are having problems with your account, please send an email to: [parentportalhelp@somds.k12.nj.us](mailto:parentportalhelp@somds.k12.nj.us), which is also on the District website at: <https://www.somds.k12.nj.us/district/information-technology/parentportalhelp/>. Please be as specific as possible with your problem. **Please note: General response times are within 24 - 48 business hours. Response times may vary based upon support request volume.**

**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.

**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.

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

**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](http://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.**

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES & SCHEDULES

### Columbia High School Bell Schedule

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2019-2020		<b>HALF-DAY BELL SCHEDULE</b> (No lunch served) <b>OPENING BELL FOR STUDENTS: 7:45 AM</b>		<b>DELAYED OPENING BELL SCHEDULE</b> In the event of a delayed opening, the school will open at 10:00 am	
<b>(OPENING BELL FOR STUDENTS: 7:45)</b>		<b>TIME</b>	<b>CLASS PERIOD</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CLASS PERIOD</b>
Teachers Report 7:48				10:00 – 10:18	Enter
Period 1 7:55-8:40 (45min)		7:55 – 8:32	1	10:18- 11:01	4
Period 2 8:44 - 9:27 (43 minutes)		8:36 – 9:15	2	11:05 – 11:50	5
Period 3 9:31-10:14 (43 minutes)		9:19 – 9:56	3	11:54 – 12:39	6
Period 4 10:18-11:01 (43 minutes)		10:00 – 10:37	4	12:43 – 1:28	7
Period 5 (lunch) 11:05-11:50 (45 minutes)		10:41 – 11:18	8	1:32 – 2:15	8
Period 6 (lunch) 11:54-12:39 (45 minutes)		11:22 – 12:00	9	2:19 – 3:02	9
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)					

### 2019-2020 Assessments Schedule for Interim Reports, Progress Reports & Report Card Dates

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

Standardized Testing Dates	
<b>10/16/19</b>	PSAT
<b>12/2/19 - 1/17/20</b>	NJSLA (Math Retakes-High School Only)
<b>4/1 – 5/29/20</b>	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) grades 3-8 & 11
<b>4/20 – 5/01/20</b>	NJSLA Paper Assessments
<b>4/20- 5/29/20</b>	Computer Based NJSLA Assessments
<b>5/4- 5/15/20</b>	Science Paper Assessments
<b>5/4- 6/5/20</b>	Science Assessment
<b>TBA</b>	ACCESS Testing

## Elementary Schools:

### Important Teacher Deadlines

Term	Item	Due Date
1	Interim Report (Habit for Success)	10/7/2019
1	TC Data Entry	10/18/2019
1	Elementary Report Card Entry	11/13/2019
1	Report Card Printing	11/14/2019
1	Elementary Report Card Verification and Reprints	11/21/2019-12/3/2019
1	Report Card Distribution (Parent/Teacher Conferences)	12/4/2019-12/6/2019
2	Interim Report	1/17/2020
2	TC Data Entry	1/31/2020
2	Elementary Report Card Entry	2/14/2020
2	Report Card Printing	2/18/2020
2	Elementary Report Card Verification and Reprints	3/3/2020-3/10/20
2	Report Card Distribution (Parent/Teacher Conferences)	3/11/2020-3/13/2020
3	Interim Report	4/3/2020
3	TC Data Entry	5/29/2020
3	Elementary Report Card Entry	6/12/2020
3	Report Card Printing	6/15/2020
3	Elementary Report Card Verification and Reprints	6/18/2020-6/22/2020
3	Report Card Distribution	Last Day of School

### Term Dates

Term	Dates
1	9/5/19 - 11/6/19
2	11/7/19 - 2/7/20
3	2/8/20 - 6/8/20

### District Benchmarks

Assessment Window	Teacher's College (TC) Reading Assessment	STAR Renaissance Early Literacy, ELA, Math
1	9/9/19 - 10/11/19	9/9/19 - 10/16/19
2	1/6/20 - 1/24/20	1/6/20 - 1/24/20
3	5/4/20 - 5/22/20	6/1/20 - 6/12/20

### Interim/Progress Report Dates

Term	Interim	Progress Reports
1	10/7/19	12/4/19 - 12/6/19
2	1/17/20	3/11/20 - 3/13/20
3	4/3/20	6/23/20

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Term	Date
1	12/4/19 - 12/6/19
2	3/11/20 - 3/13/20

## Middle School:

### Important Teacher Deadlines

Quarter/Trimester	Item	Due Date
Q1	Progress Report Entry	10/3/2019
Q1	Middle School Report Card Entry	11/20/2019
Q1	Grades Live/Report Cards Distribution	11/21/2019
T1	Middle School Report Card Entry	12/12/2019
T1	Trimester Grades Captured	12/13/2019
Q2	Progress Report Entry	12/12/2019
Q2	Middle School Report Card Entry	2/6/2020
Q2	Grades Live/Report Cards Distribution	2/7/2020
Q3	Progress Report Entry	2/26/2020
T2	Middle School Report Card Entry	3/20/2020
T2	Trimester Grades Captured	3/21/2020
Q3	Middle School Report Card Entry	4/21/2020
Q3	Grades Live/Report Cards Distribution	4/22/2020
Q4	Progress Report Entry	5/14/2020
Q4 & T3	Middle School Final Exam Entry	6/22/2020
Q4 & T3	Grades Live/Report Cards Distribution	6/23/2020

### Marking Periods

Marking Period	Date
1	9/5/19 - 11/13/19
2	11/14/19 - 1/31/20
3	2/3/20 - 4/7/20
4	4/8/20 - 6/22/20

### Trimesters

Trimester	Date
1	9/5/19 - 12/5/19
2	12/6/19 - 3/13/20
3	3/14/20 - 6/22/20

### District Benchmarks

Assessment Window	STAR Renaissance ELA & Math
1	9/9/19 - 10/16/19
2	1/6/20 - 1/24/20
3	6/1/20 - 6/12/20

### Midterms/Finals

Exam	Dates
Mid Term Exams	1/28/20 - 1/31/20
Final Exams	6/15/20 - 6/18/20

### Progress Reports/Report Cards (Input Deadline)

Quarter	Progress Reports	Report Cards
1	10/7/19	11/20/19
2	12/12/19	2/7/20
3	2/26/20	4/22/20
4	5/13/20	6/23/20

## High School: Gradebook/Report Card Information

### Important Teacher Deadlines

Quarter/Trimester	Item	Due Date
Q1	Progress Report Entry	10/3/2019
Q1	Middle School Report Card Entry	11/20/2019
Q1	Grades Live/Report Cards Distribution	11/21/2019
Q2	Progress Report Entry	12/12/2019
Q2	High School Report Card Entry	2/6/2020
Q2	Grades Live/Report Cards Distribution	2/7/2020
Q3	Progress Report Entry	2/26/2020
Q3	High School Report Card Entry	4/21/2020
Q3	Grades Live/Report Cards Distribution	4/22/2020
Q4	Progress Report Entry	5/14/2020
Q4	High School Final Exam Entry	6/22/2020
Q4	Grades Live/Report Cards Distribution	6/23/2020

### Marking Periods

Marking Period	Date
1	9/5/19 - 11/13/19
2	11/14/19 - 1/31/20
3	2/3/20 - 4/7/20
4	4/8/20 - 6/22/20

### District Benchmarks

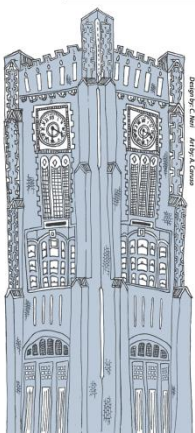
Assessment Window	STAR Renaissance ELA & Math Grades 9-11
1	9/9/19 - 10/16/19
2	1/6/20 - 1/24/20
3	6/1/20 - 6/12/20

### Midterms/Finals

Exam	Dates
Mid Term Exams	1/28/20 - 1/31/20
Final Exams	6/15/20 - 6/18/20

### Progress Reports/Report Cards (Input Deadline)

Quarter	Progress Reports	Report Cards
1	10/7/19	11/20/19
2	12/12/19	2/7/20
3	2/26/20	4/22/20
4	5/13/20	6/23/20



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