

Maple Grove Middle School

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Parents & Guardians,

We hope you are having a wonderful summer full of family time and memories. We look forward to welcoming back our Bobcat clowder, both the new and the old. School starts on August 17th, mark the date! Below is some important information regarding registration and how to pay your school fees so your student can receive their class schedule.

Registration Online Forms

If you have not yet registered your student for the 2022-23 school year this is the first step that you need to complete. All parents should login and complete registration information for their students. To complete registration forms, <u>click on this link</u>. If you have any questions, please call or email our registrar, Tonia Ivie – 801-609-2393.

Complete Registration by Paying Required School Fees

Starting in middle school, <u>all</u> students are required to pay school fees unless a fee waiver has been approved by school administration. Beginning July 20th, parents will need to pay registration fees online at <u>www.</u> <u>myschoolfees.com</u>, or by calling the school directly at 801-609-2395 or by coming into the front office. (If you are new to myschoolfees, you will need to create a parent account and will need your child's student ID number, which is the same as their lunch number.) If you think you may qualify for a fee waiver you are encouraged to apply - This can be done by filling out the <u>fee waiver application form</u> and then meeting with a school administrator. Printed fee waiver applications will also be available in the front office. Once student fees are paid or waived and all other registration documents and immunization records have been submitted through Infinite Campus, your student will receive their schedule via student email within 3 working days.

When paying for school fees, please be sure to check the "OPTIONAL" items before you checkout to see if there are any additional items you want to pay for. As an incentive to purchase a yearbook at the time of registration/payment of fees, the cost to purchase a <u>yearbook will be \$12.00 if paid by September 30th, 2022.</u> <u>After the 30th the cost will rise to \$15.00.</u> This is due to the publisher increasing their printing price for the coming year.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Please note that the National School Lunch Program waiver that provided free meals to students has expired. This means that **school meals will no longer be automatically free**. In order to qualify for free or reduced-price meals for the 2022-23 school year you will need to submit a Meal Benefits Application. You may access an application by going to your Infinite Campus account, then the main menu, then scrolling down to "More" and clicking on "Meal Benefits" (Application walk through instructions - English / Spanish). As a reminder, households must apply every year to confirm eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. All Meal Benefits Applications are submitted online and are separate from Fee Waiver Applications done through school administration.

If you do not qualify for free or reduced-priced meals, school meals are available at the paid rate of: **Breakfast-\$1.50 and Lunch- \$2.50**. If you would like to pay for school lunch online, you may pay through your parent account on Infinite Campus, under "Food Service". Please be aware that although all other secondary school fees are paid through www.myschoolfess.com, meal payments are paid using your parent account in Infinite Campus.

Counseling and Student Schedule Changes

This year we are expecting a higher enrollment than we had last year. This means significantly less "wiggle" room in relation to making class changes. Please help us support our teachers by only requesting class changes to fix errors in your student's schedule. For example, not being enrolled in a required class, enrolled in an elective you didn't sign up for, etc. Class changes will NOT be considered based on personal preference, for example, to be in the same class as a friend, switching an already scheduled class to a different period etc. Be aware that from August 8th - August 12th the <u>Class Change Request Form</u> will be available online on the <u>MGMS Counseling Website</u>. All class change requests must be made through this form. Students and parents may *not* email their counselor to make a class change. No class changes will be made past the deadline and counselors will not overload a teacher's class for any reason.

Locker Information

Because of our enrollment numbers, we have slightly fewer lockers than students. We would like to make sure that all students who want a locker are able to get one. If your student would **like to share** a locker with a friend <u>or **does NOT want**</u> a locker, please fill out the following form: <u>Locker Form</u> - This will allow us to assign lockers, that would otherwise not have been used, to students who would like one. Lockers will be assigned in August and will be reflected in Infinite Campus.

7th Grade Immunization Requirements

To attend the 7th grade in Utah a student must have proof of receiving the Meningococcal vaccine and the Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) booster. (The kindergarten Tdap does not count as the booster requirement for 7th grade.) This is in addition to other immunizations which should have already been completed and on file (i.e. MMR, DTaP, Polio, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Varicella). **You will not be able to attend 7th grade without the school having this information on file**. Parents are asked to please bring in or mail in a copy of your student's immunization document(s) to the school nurse, Diane Cooper, before August 17th. OR you may choose to email an electronic copy of the immunization form to the school nurse at: diane.cooper@nebo.edu

School Spirit Wear

Check out our online store where you can select and customize your MGMS Bobcat spirit wear <u>HERE</u>. All items are fully customizable with different logos and layouts and will be shipped directly to you.

School Community Council

Maple Grove Middle School will be holding School Community Council elections for the 2022-23 school year August 15th through August 26th. Parents or guardians of students attending MGMS are eligible to be elected. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for one of the open seats on the council, contact Ms. Kate Elliott at 801-609-2395 or email kate.elliott@nebo.edu by Friday August 12, 2022. (SCC Parent Notice) Voting will begin on Monday, August 15th. Click here for more information about the School LAND Trust Program and the important role it plays to support MGMS.

We appreciate the dedicated service of our community council. This past year the council worked hard to equitably allocate school LAND Trust money in the support of student learning. This money helps improve academic achievement by providing student intervention programs, student technology, reducing class size, providing professional development and helping us support our school improvement plan. For a breakdown of how the money was allocated you can visit our school website under community council.

Additional Information

Upcoming events and dates to remember - More information about these events will be sent out in the following weeks:

- July 20 Registration: begins please complete before July 31st
- Aug 16 6th Grade Orientation, 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
- Aug 16 Back to School Open House: 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. All parents and students are invited to attend. Come meet your teachers, check your locker, and explore the building.
- Aug 17 First Day of School
- Aug 19 Picture Day Packets will be distributed to all students on the first day of school. Every student will need to have their picture taken for their student ID and to be in the year book. Purchasing a photo package from Bell Photography is available if you choose.

Visit our school home page at <u>http://mgms.nebo.edu/</u> to see all calendar items and other important information such as the daily bell schedule, etc. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact us - Our office staff will do our best to answer your questions, resolve concerns and/or and get you in contact with the appropriate individuals to help you. MGMS Main Phone Number - (801) 609-2395. Our summer office hours are: Monday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and beginning August 1st office hours will be: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

As always, we are looking forward to having our students back with us on this educational journey.

Sincerely, MGMS Administration