

Maple High School

"Working Together toward Student Success"
"Home of the Timber Wolves"

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Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hello Maple Community,

We have had an excellent start to the school year at Maple High School. Our sports teams are up and running, our clubs have started meeting, and there is lots of energy and vitality throughout the building. Football, soccer, volleyball, girls' basketball and cricket teams are right into their seasons. Our boys' basketball teams are beginning to practice in anticipation for their seasons. Of course, our Cheerleaders are there to support all the teams all year long.

I have challenged the school body again this year to set high academic goals and to work hard to achieve them. Academic Excellence is a phrase that we are repeating often. In addition, we are also focusing on the Character Trait of RESPECT this year. It is important that students understand and demonstrate RESPECT of themselves, their peers, teachers and the Maple community at large.

The week of October 9-12, Interim Reports are being distributed. Make sure you sit down with your son/daughter and go over the reports and have a good discussion. Parents' Night is on October 24th – please mark it on your calendars. We are holding this evening a little earlier so that if there are problems, a plan can be devised to turn things around before mid-term report cards on November 16th. If you have any questions, make sure you keep in touch with your son/daughter's teachers.

Please make sure you join our e mail list. Ms. Di Marco one of our vice-principals e mails a newsletter weekly. She can also include your son/daughter's attendance summary for your information. This is a great way to stay in touch, and to know if there is an attendance problem. Attendance is a critical component to academic success. If you would like to be included, just send us your e mail by e mailing it to the school -- maple.hs@yrdsb.edu.on.ca ---we would be glad to add you to our list.

Lastly, you may have noticed the heavy construction equipment working on the south west side of the building. We are getting a 16,000 square foot addition added to the school which should be ready by early spring. It will include two new auto technician shops, a construction technology shop and a cosmetology classroom. With the cosmetology, we hope to offer the community a service that can benefit everyone. We are excited about this addition to our school.

If you have any other concerns or comments, please feel free to e mail or call the school at any time. We are very committed here at Maple High School to always work together with the community. Our website address is: Please visit regularly !!!
<http://www.maple.hs.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

Sincerely,
John J. Tsourounis
Principal
MAPLE HIGH SCHOOL

Making Our Students Successful

Wed, October 17, 2007 - 7:00 pm

YCDSB Centre for the Arts at St. Elizabeth CHS
525 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bruce Ferguson

How we can all help our students to be as successful as they can be using feedback from young people who have left school before graduation.

Dr. Bruce Ferguson Ph.D. is Director of the Community Health Services Resource Group at The Hospital for Sick Kids, Professor of Psychiatry, Psychology and Public Health Sciences and a member of the Graduate Faculty at the University of Toronto.

Inviting all Parents, Teachers, Administrators!

A special presentation sponsored by St. Elizabeth Catholic School Council *Admittance free of charge

The Visual Arts Scene

The Visual Arts Department is gearing up for a great semester! Mr. Fogg's Gr. 9 Visual Arts class is working on a painted panel for the Terry Fox run at the school on September 28th. The panel will be used as an advertisement and incentive for students to get involved. Ms. Masson's Gr. 12 Art class is working on African Heritage inspired self portrait drawings that will be displayed in February at the Black History Month celebration. We also have a collection of new artworks that adorn the main foyer and cafeteria, ranging from poster like painted portraits, abstract designs of shoes to a woven canvas group project. The department is also busy with the final preparation for the Madrid to Paris, March Break trip. The trip is in conjunction with the International Languages Department and is promising to be a great adventure. If you have any questions about the Visual Arts Department please feel free to contact Ms. Masson, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fogg or Mr. McClennon at the school.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 9-12, 2007	Interim Reports Issued
October 12/13, 2007	Eid al Fitr
October 19, 2007	P.A. Day
October 22-26, 2007	Grad Photos
October 24, 2007	Parents' Night
October 26, 2007	School Dance
November 7, 2007	Take Our Kids to Work Day
November 7, 2007	Post Secondary Information Afternoon Fair
November 9, 2007	Diwali
November 12, 2007	P.A. Day
November 13, 2007	First day of 2 nd half of semester
November 16, 2007	Report Cards Issued
November 22, 2007	Blood Donor Clinic
November 29, 2007	Semi Formal
November 30, 2007	P.A. Day
December 13, 2007	Music/Art Night
December 20, 2007	Eid-UI-Adha
December 21, 2007	Frostfest
December 24 – Jan. 4, 2008	Winter Holiday
January 10 to 25, 2008	EQAO - Grade 9 Math Assessment
January 16, 2008	Grade 8 Information Night – 7:00 pm
January 25-31, 2008	Final Examinations
February 1, 2008	P.A. Day
	Blits '08 Conference

September 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Here we are, another school year has begun. As your Trustee, I encourage all parents to get involved in their child's school by volunteering for events and activities. Being an active part of your school community is very satisfying and makes a difference to your child's education. The York Region District School Board is committed to an open dialogue with its communities. Your view on policy issues and board governance is welcomed and encouraged. The York Region District School Board holds monthly meetings which are open to you; they are held at our Education Centre in Aurora, 60 Wellington St. W. The minutes are available on the Board's web site which is www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

As your Trustee, I can be reached by email at anna.debartolo@yrdsb.edu.on.ca or by calling 905 850-5038. I look forward to another successful year.

Sincerely yours,

School Trustee Anna DeBartolo



