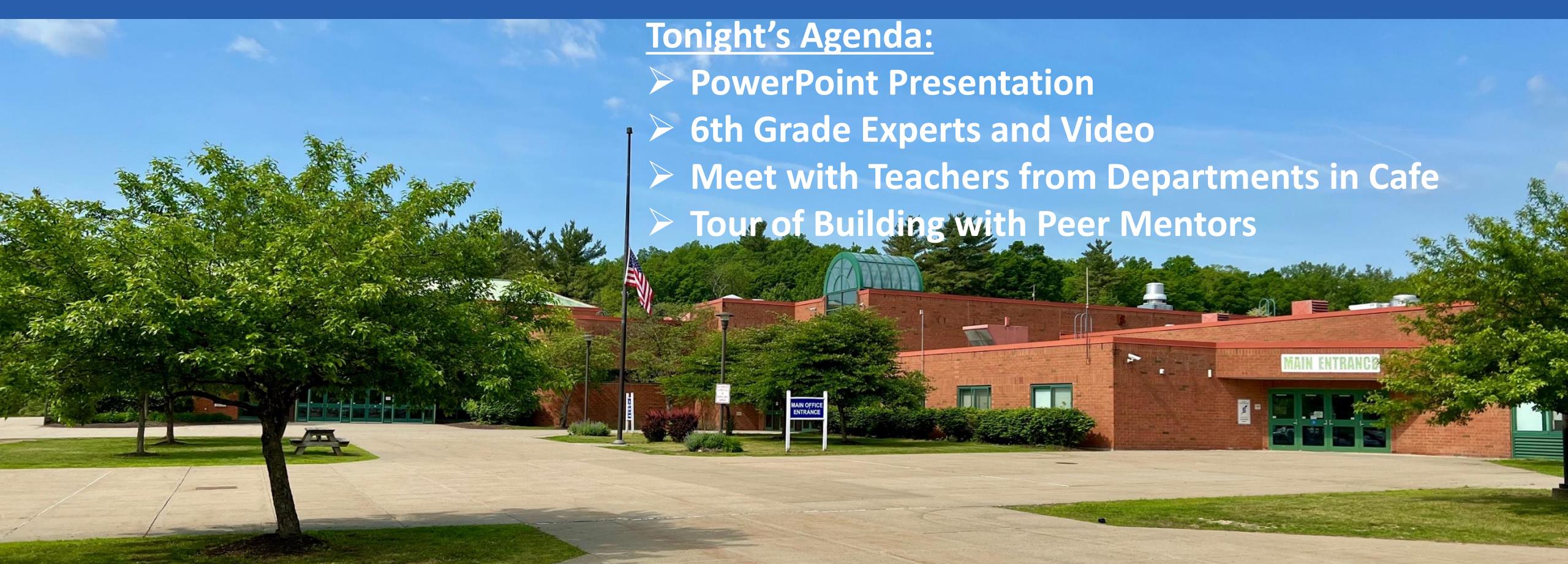




# Maple Avenue Middle School Transition Night

## Tonight's Agenda:

- PowerPoint Presentation
- 6th Grade Experts and Video
- Meet with Teachers from Departments in Cafe
- Tour of Building with Peer Mentors



## **Vision:**

The vision of Maple Avenue Middle School is that students are confident, dynamic, citizens capable of collaboration in our ever-changing world. Our students approach new experiences with kindness, curiosity, and open minds. They effectively express their unique ideas, demonstrate their skills, and engage others with empathy and respect, forging their paths to joy and fulfillment in their lives.

## **Mission:**

The Maple Ave Middle School community provides a welcoming and safe environment where students feel they belong. Students, staff, and families work together to create equitable learning opportunities accessible to all. We support students on their unique pathways to success.

# Maple Ave Springs

**Columbian Spring - 6C**

**Red Spring - 6R**

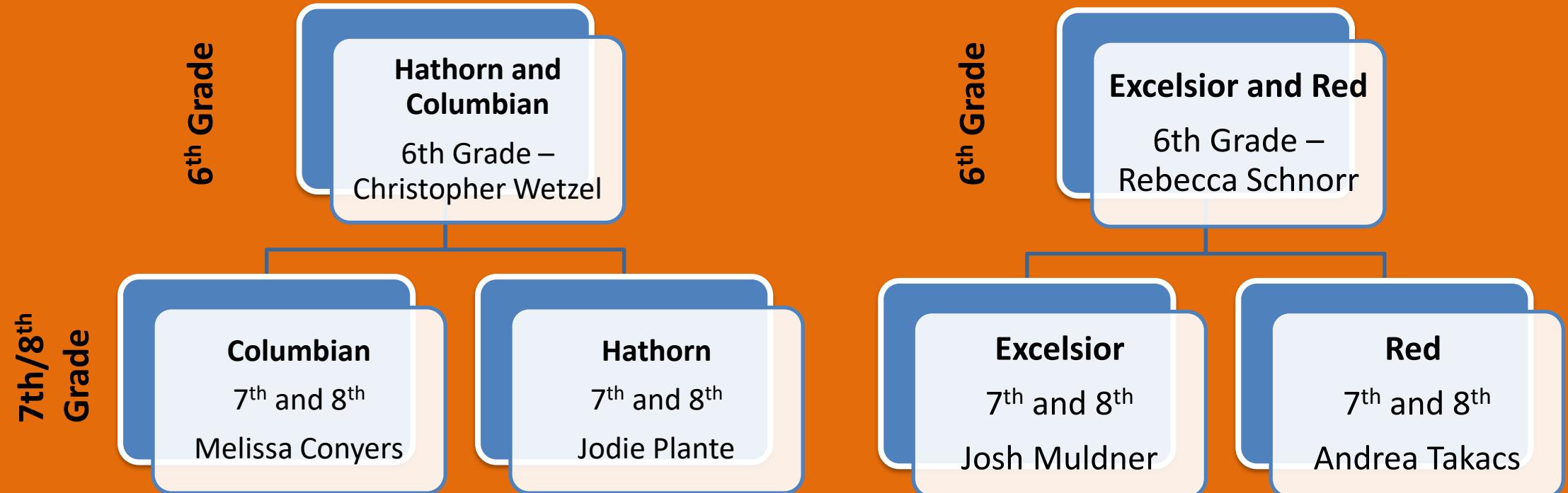


**Hathorn Spring - 6H**

**Excelsior Spring - 6E**

**TEAMING**  
Common Planning  
Collaborative  
Consistent

# Maple Avenue Supports



**Building Supports**  
School Psychologists: Amy Fehringer & Don VanPatten  
Social Workers: Brendon Russell & Jessi Boucher  
BHSN Counseling

## Administration:

**Building Principal: Scott Singer**

**6th Grade Principal**  
Kara Likar

**7th Grade Principal**  
Christine Vilardo

**8th Grade Principal**  
Tim Harris

# School Counselors

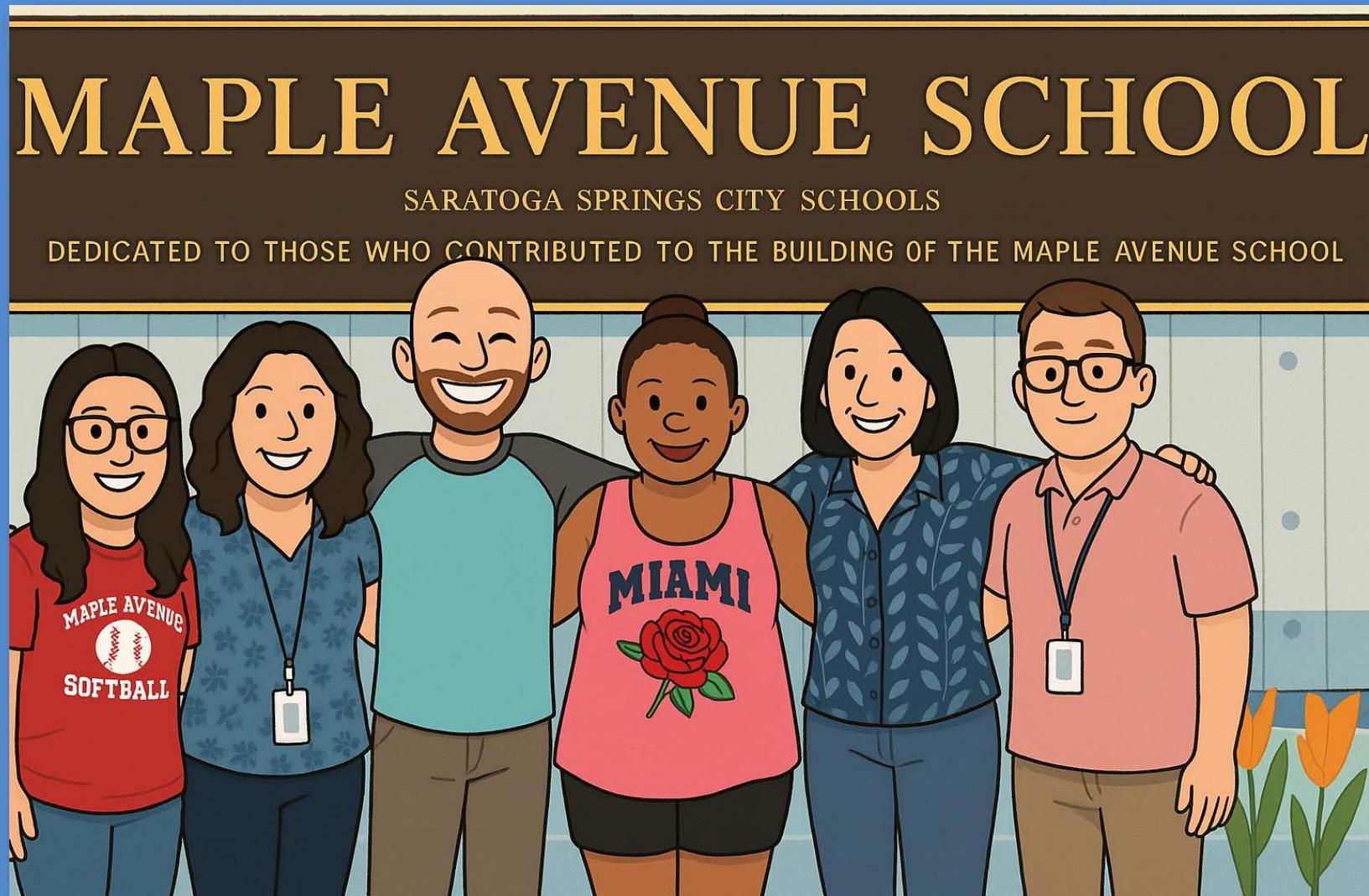
1. Academic Support
2. Social/Emotional Support
3. College/Career Readiness

## 6TH GRADE

Mr. Wetzel – Columbian/Hathorn  
Ms. Schnorr – Red/Excelsior

## 7TH/8TH GRADE

Mr. Muldner – Excelsior  
Mrs. Takacs – Red  
Ms. Conyers – Columbian  
Mrs. Plante - Hathorn





# School Counselors: For ALL Students

**This is the first year your child will have a school counselor!**

## 6th Grade Transition Activities:

- 5-6 Elementary Field Trips
- Discover Maple – August 26th
- Open Doors – August 27-29, 9am – 12pm.
- 5-6 Introductory Lesson – first week
- First Week of School Assembly
- Begin Individual Meetings
- Team Meetings
- Naviance Introduction in classrooms
- Lunch Groups





## Rebecca Schnorr

### Red Spring & Excelsior Spring School Counselor

Having the privilege of working with middle school students and their families is one of my greatest joys. I am grateful to work at Maple Avenue alongside such a supportive team of colleagues.

I graduated from South Glens Falls but have always considered Saratoga Springs to be my home. Saratoga is where I attended St. Clement's, worked as a Prevention Educator for Project Lift through the Franklin Community Center, and said hello, and goodbye, to my first job at Longfellows Restaurant (where I worked for almost 15 years).

I'm looking forward to another incredible school year at Maple Ave in the fall and cannot wait to meet you and your soon-to-be 6th-grade students.

# **Christopher J. Wetzel**

## **Columbian Spring & Hathorn Spring School Counselor**



Since departing from the US Navy as an Intelligence Specialist, I have dedicated my life to serving students and families alike in the education world. I am excited to spend my third year here, at Maple Ave. Previously, I was a school counselor in Vermont for three years after earning my master's degree from Syracuse University.

My goal at Maple Ave Middle School is to serve as an emotional and academic support for my students and to develop long lasting programs which aim to provide clear pathways for academic success and social/emotional growth.

When I am not wearing my school counselor hat, you can usually find me trail running, cooking, mountain biking, or paddleboarding. Another passion of mine is coaching which I am fortunate enough to do here in Saratoga Springs.

# Our Year At A Glance...

## Classroom Lessons:

- Meet Your School Counselor Lessons
- Introduction to Naviance & Road Trip Nation



## Lunch Groups:

- *Make New Friends*
- *Social Skills*



**Individual Meetings** - we will meet with every student at least once



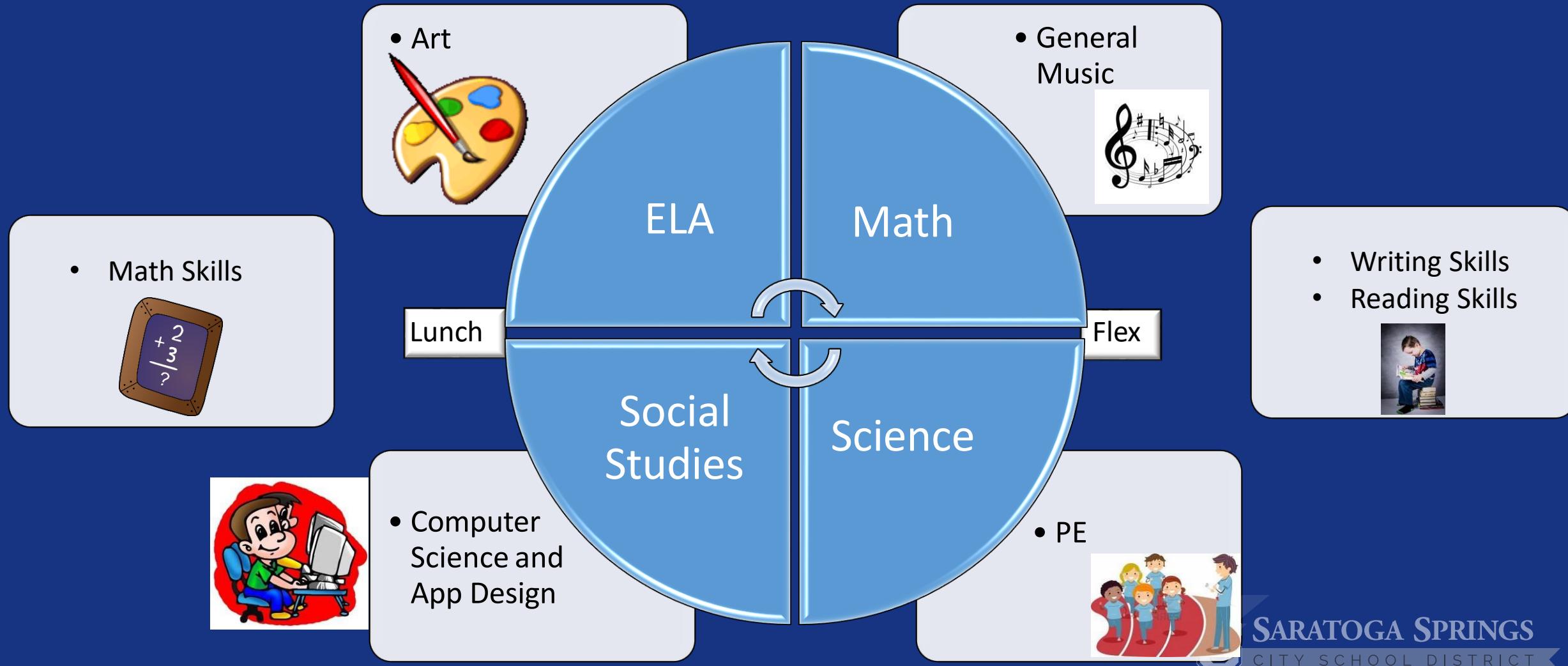
**School Counseling Newsletters** – fall, winter, spring

**Academic Intervention Plans** – meet with any student who fails 1+ core classes to develop a plan for success

**5th to 6th Grade Transition Presentations** - we completed a worldwide tour of Saratoga Springs and visited all 6 elementary schools



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes





# Sixth graders may also have

Band

Chorus

Orchestra

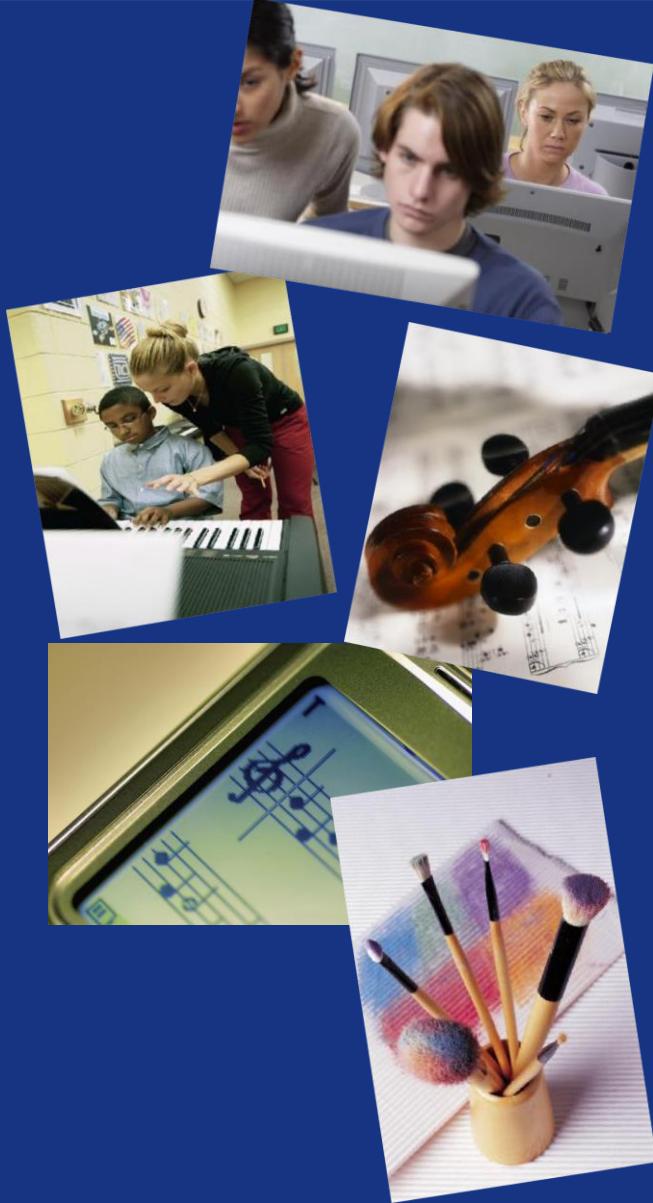
Resource

Reading

AIS Reading

Study Hall

This is how to see what your child is scheduled for during the summer months...



- Log into SchoolTool.
- Click ON the school picture on the "MY HOME" screen
- Click on the "Schedule" tab
- Change the "View" using the drop-down arrow to "Course Selections"
- You will now see "School Year" as an additional drop-down menu, click the arrow to change the year to "2025-26"
- You will see the course selections for next year once they have been put in



# Sample 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

- Our classes will meet for 60 minutes – either two out of three days or 1 out of 3 days
- Approximately 4 minutes between classes. (Plan is to stagger classes at end of day to reduce traffic in halls)
- All students eat with their grade level peers
- Classes are specific to grade level

Semester: Semester 1			
	A	B	C
Period 1.6 Time 7:50 - 8:56	SCIENCE 6	MATH SKILLS	SCIENCE 6
Period 2.6 Time 9:00 - 10:00	GENERAL MUSIC 6	COED PE 6	WRITING SKILLS
Period FLEX 6 Time 10:03 - 10:33	FLEX 6	FLEX 6	FLEX 6
Period LUNCH6 Time 10:34 - 11:04	LUNCH (CAF2)	LUNCH (CAF2)	LUNCH (CAF2)
Period 3.6 Time 11:07 - 12:07	SOCIAL STUDIES 6	COMPUTER SCIENCE AND APP DESIGN	SOCIAL STUDIES 6
Period 4.6 Time 12:11 - 1:11	LANGUAGE ARTS 6	LANGUAGE ARTS 6	ART 6
Period 5.6 Time 1:14 - 2:14	MATH 6R	MATH 6R	STUDY HALL 6

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SCIENCE 6
GENERAL MUSIC 6
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SOCIAL STUDIES 6
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MATH 6R

# Social Media/Cell Phones

T	Is it TRUE?	Do you have evidence to support what you are saying?
H	Is it HELPFUL?	Does your post or comment help to drive the discussion?
I	Is it INFORMATIVE? Is it INSPIRING?	Will your post add useful information? Will it inspire readers to think differently?
N	Is it NECESSARY?	Does it need to be said? Think really hard about the word “need”.
K	Is it KIND?	Are you making this post or comment in a kind, respectful, courteous way?

# Maple Avenue Parent Network (MAPN) - 2025-2026 School Year

## Support and Nurture the Maple Ave community

### Who Are We?

President: Danielle Bedard

Treasurer: Erin Freeh

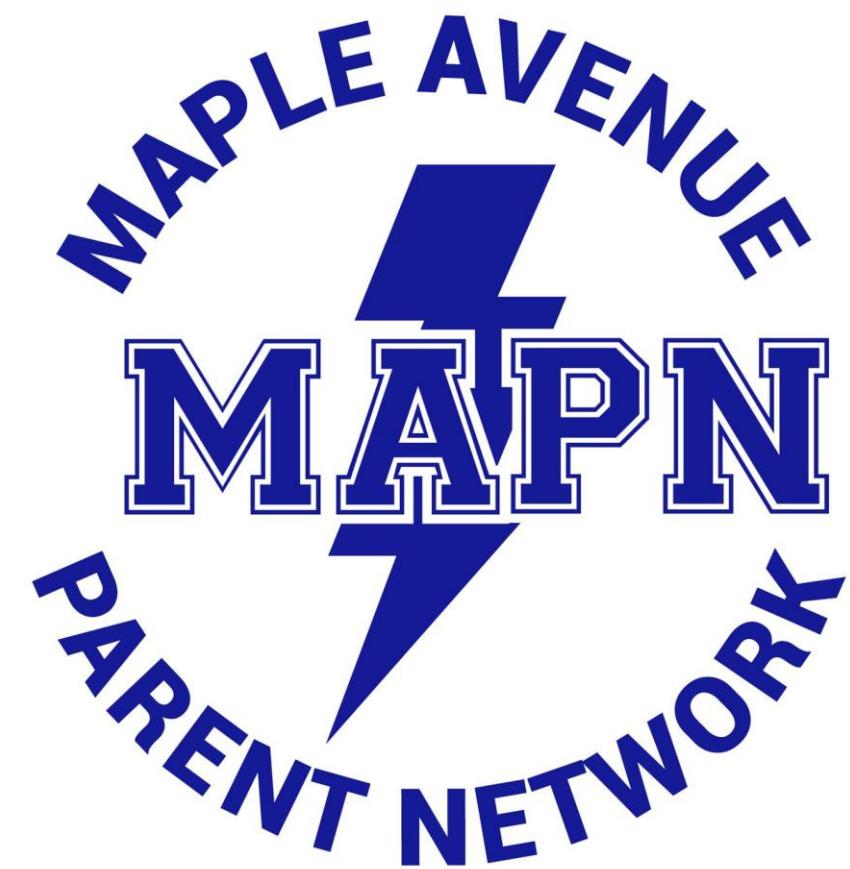
Co-Fundraising Chairs: Audrey Aukland & Tami Ehringer

Parent Involvement Chair: **Open**

Secretary/Communication Chair: **Open**

Follow us on

[www.facebook.com/MapleAveParentNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/MapleAveParentNetwork)



# Events for 2025-2026 School Year (Sign ups)

## Maple Avenue Events & Key Initiatives - students, teachers and staff

- Walkathon!
- Teacher & Staff Welcome Back Breakfast (Superintendent's Day)
- Holiday Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast & All-Day Celebration
- May Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- Mural Development
- 8th Grade D.C. Trip T-Shirts
- 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremonies
- Arts in Education

## Additional Volunteer Opportunities

- Kindness Closet
- LiveSchool Shop
- Support for School Events



# Walkathon 2025 - Sept. 17th through Oct. 10th





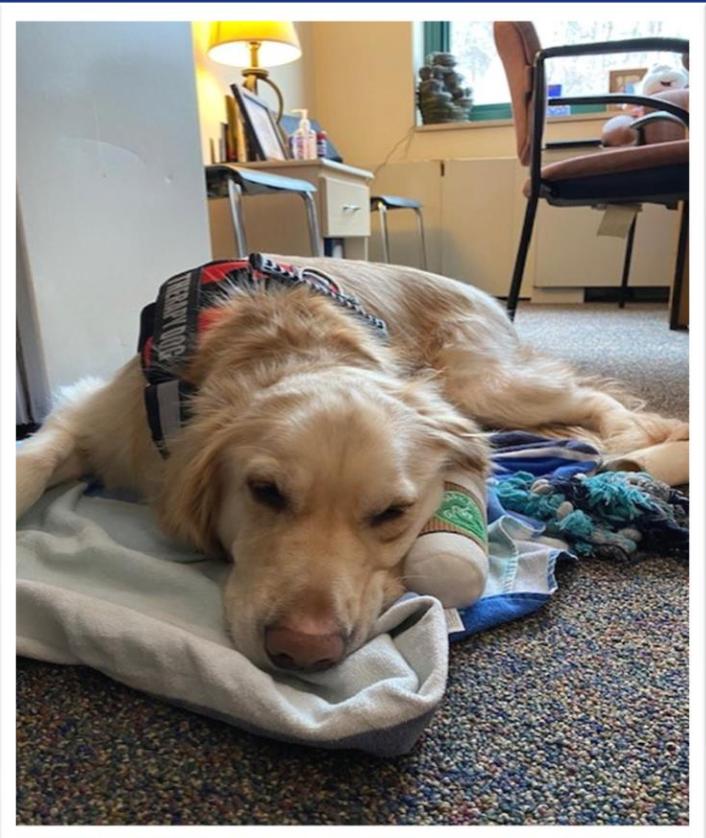
## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

- Adventure Gaming Club
  - A Hand Up Club
  - Artists Who Care
    - Best Buddies
- Chess/Board Game Club
  - Fiddle Club
  - French Club
  - Hand Drum Club
  - International Club
  - Intro to Bagpiping
  - Jazz Combo
  - Knitting Club
  - MAGSA
- Maple Ave Chamber Orchestra
  - Mapletogian
  - Math Club
- Musical
- No Place for Hate Club
- Orchestra Performance Club
- PBIS Student Activities
- Peer Mentoring Club
- Pop Culture Icon Club
- RC/Race Car Club
- Rock Lab/Guitar Club
- Science Club
- Ski Club
- Student Council
- TV Studio
- Voice Club
- Yearbook Club



# Teddy the Maple Avenue Therapy Dog

Teddy is a certified Therapy Dog. He will be seen around the building, available to support all students. Teddy loves coming into school and seeing what his human friends are doing!!! ☺



# NEXT STEPS -

- Schedules - Sent out end of August  
(Traver's Day Weekend)
- Discover Maple - August 26
- Maple Ave Open Doors - walk around with your schedule before school starts. August 27 – 29, 9am – 12pm.



# Meet some of our current 6<sup>th</sup> graders



## Your questions answered from the experts!





# We love Maple Ave!

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**Here's a snapshot into life at Maple Avenue Middle School:**

**Video:**

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/3462960795>

# #WeAreMaple

THANK YOU for being here this evening to begin our partnership during this next phase of your child's life!

Be sure to sign the welcome banner! We will have it visible to students for the beginning of the school year.