

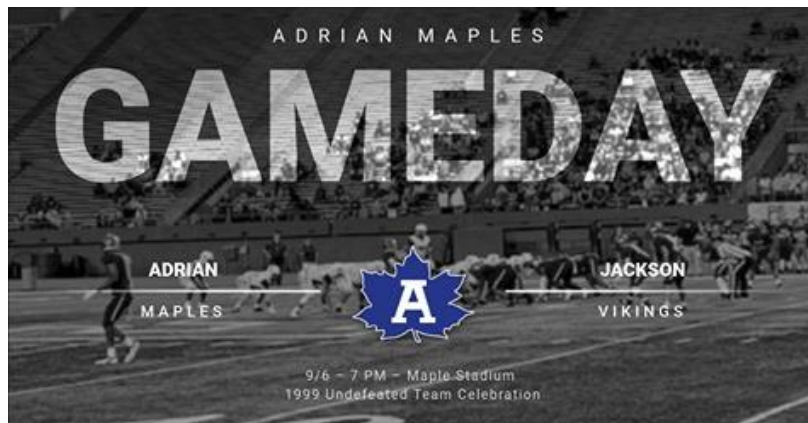
Dear APS Community,

Welcome back to Adrian Public Schools for the start of the 2019-20 school year. We have had a busy couple of weeks as we on-board new staff and students to the district as well as welcome back our veteran staff members and returning students and families. Thank you for making APS your choice to learn and work!!!

Last week we welcomed 22 new teachers to APS. Each of these teachers come with a wealth of experiences and a passion for learning. Below is a picture of our some of our new staff members following their tour of downtown Adrian, community locations, and local businesses.



Tonight at 7pm is the first home football game against Jackson. Come out and cheer on new Varsity Coach Chris Gilliam and our varsity players as well as introducing yourself to Athletic Director Andy Mains and AHS Principal Mike Perez. The 1999 Undefeated Maples Team will be recognized at Half Time.



A big thank you to all of the staff at First Student for a successful launch to this year's transportation start for our families. From making sure buses are maintained and safe to making sure students are met with a smile and transported safely to and from school. Thank you to all the parents for providing updates on transportation information so we could make sure all students were routed properly and efficiently.



Congratulations to Annie Howard, APS Art Teacher for the special honor of being named the 2019 Michigan Art Teacher – Middle Level Art Educator of the Year!!! Annie exemplifies the qualities of Maple PRIDE and demonstrates those qualities with her passionate instruction and her love of supporting students. Bravo Annie!!!



The votes are in and APS now has a three-peat under its belt, being named the Best Public School District in Lenawee County for 2017, 2018, and now 2019. Thanks to all of our parents and members of the community that supported us in the community choice awards.



If you have not updated your internet browser, the new address for the APS website is www.adrianmaples.org. We hope you enjoy the updates made to make the website more user friendly, accessible, and responsive to mobile devices.

I hope everyone takes an opportunity to get out and about our great town tonight. With First Fridays, athletic events, and great community happenings there are plenty of ways to live, work, and play in Lenawee and Adrian. I hope to see you out and about our town!!!

GO MAPLES!!!

Bob Behnke

Superintendent

APS in the News:

Annie Howard Named Top Art Teacher in Michigan:

<https://www.wlen.com/2019/09/04/adrian-public-schools-educator-awarded-top-honor-in-the-state/>

APS Outstanding Alumni and Mentor Awards:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20190825/outstanding-adrian-alumni-teacher-mentor-awards-announced>

Adrian Children's Book"

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20190715/book-aimed-to-build-community-cultural-understanding>

Policy Updates:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20190825/employment-policy-updates-on-adrian-school-board-agenda>

Adrian School History:

<https://www.lenconnect.com/news/20190827/adrian-central-school-passed-into-time-60-years-ago>