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SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

# THE MAPLE MESSENGER

Adrian Public Schools...Showing Maple PRIDE before, during, and after school.

FALL 2020

## Adrian Public Schools Offers Face to Face and Virtual Option

Maple families will have the choice between sending their child to school virtually or face-to-face this fall. The Board of Education approved the District's return to learn plan at its August 10th meeting, which included both options for parents. Superintendent Behnke provided an overview of both programs and the safety measures that are in place to help keep staff and students safe. Safety protocols include social distancing measures, reduced class sizes, masks for all students, increased cleaning, daily temperature screening, and grouping of students to limit exposure.

To view the full plan and other important documents related to back to school visit:  
<https://www.adrianmaples.org/back-to-school/>

## Recreation Department Navigates New Guidelines

Recreation programs were offered with much success this summer to both students and families. Maple Track Club, Boys and Girls Maple Basketball Camp, and Maple Family Fitness Nights, all took place over the course of the summer. All programs implemented safety standards as outlined by the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the Lenawee County Health Department.



you to the recreation program coaches who were creative with their curriculum and designed meaningful programming with appropriate new expectations and safety practices," said Jeremiah Davies, Community Recreation Director.

A special thank you goes out to the Kiwanis Club of Adrian, who provided the outdoor basketball hoops, which made it possible for both Boys and Girls

Students were screened as they entered for the day using both temperature screenings and questions related to possible symptoms. Moreover, students used social distancing and masks when appropriate to keep themselves safer in these times of COVID-19. "A big thank

Basketball camps to be held outside.

Learn more about future Recreation Department programs by following us on Facebook or visiting [www.adrianmaples.org/departments/recreation.php](http://www.adrianmaples.org/departments/recreation.php)



COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on the operations of schools across the county and here in Adrian. During the course of the school year, we are anticipating many changes to our plan, as we continue to learn more about COVID-19 and how it impacts us locally in Lenawee County. This plan was developed with the understanding that social distancing, in addition to masks and good hygiene practices, are the best

options to help keep our students and staff safe. We hope to continue to work with our community leaders to provide a quality educational program as well as extra-curricular programs, athletics, and activities as much as possible in safer settings. This edition of the Maple Messenger

highlights just a few of those experiences our students enjoyed under the Governor's Return to Learn School Road Map. We thank our parents and community for being flexible and sharing ideas on how we can pivot to provide meaningful experiences for our students as we continue through this pandemic.

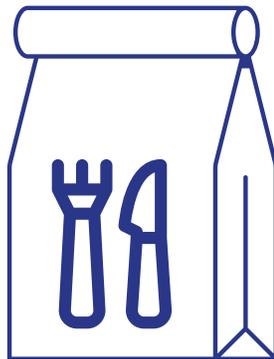
For the most up to date information about the APS plan and school programs, please visit [www.adrianmaples.org](http://www.adrianmaples.org)

As always - GO MAPLES!!!

Bob Behnke  
Superintendent

## School Breakfast and Lunch Program

Families that choose to attend virtually will have the continued support of APS to help with meal options. The school breakfast and lunch program will continue to provide 10 meals per student on a weekly basis. Meals are available to all Adrian Public School children attending virtually at the Frank Street Entrance of the Drager Education Center, at 340 E. Church St. on Mondays from 10:30am to 12:30pm.



## Adrian Marching Band Camp returns home to AHS

Adrian Marching Band students participated in Band Camp locally at Adrian High School, so increased safety measures could protect staff and students. Band Directors Mr. Mykeloff and Mrs. Powers designed a program that had students participate in smaller sectionals focusing on safety measures while screening students daily, maintaining social distancing outside, and cleaning equipment frequently. While the debate continues at the State level about athletics and events, Marching Band continues to follow state and local health department guidelines to provide meaningful and safe activities for APS students.

For more information visit: <http://adrianhsbands.weebly.com/>

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## Hoping for the best, but preparing for Remote Learning

While APS is moving full speed ahead with plans to have parents choose face-to-face and virtual learning, the APS Technology Department has prepared Chromebooks for all students in grades 6-12 this school year. Teachers are building classes using Google Classroom and will deliver instruction through this learning platform if there is a need to shut down a classroom or the Governor orders a school closure.

Superintendent Bob Behnke said, "Virtual Learning this year will have much more rigor than this spring and will align with our course curriculum. All secondary students will get their Chromebooks the first week of school and students in grades 4-5 will get them later in the fall. If we have to take a step-back and have the whole district go virtual, we will be prepared."

Students in grades K-3 will not have one-to-one devices if they attend in person, but will have them distributed should a shut-down order occur.



## APS Staff Pulls Together to Get School Started

Staff from across the district worked hard this summer to prepare for a safe return to school. Classrooms have been adjusted to have fewer desks, more space, and cleaning supplies. Hallways, playgrounds, and common areas have been updated to help provide guidance to students on social distancing and good hygiene practices.



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September 8, 2020	First Day of School for students K-12 - Full Day	February 12, 2021	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM
October 28-29, 2020	K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening	March 4, 2021	7-12 Exams AM K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM
October 30, 2020	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM	March 5, 2021	7-12 Exams AM K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM <b>End of 2nd Trimester K-12</b>
November 24, 2020	7-12 Exams AM K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM	April 2 - April 9, 2021	No school for staff/students- Spring Break
November 25, 2020	7-12 Exams AM K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM <b>End of 1st Trimester K-12</b>	April 12, 2021	School resumes
November 26-27, 2020	No school for students/staff - Thanksgiving Holiday	April 14, 2021	MME Testing Grade 11 Released at 1:30 p.m. (dependent on MDE)
December 22, 2020	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM Winter Break begins at close of school day for students/staff	May 21, 2021	Graduating Seniors Last Day
January 4, 2021	School resumes for staff/students	May 28, 2021	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM
January 18, 2021	No school for students or staff	May 30, 2021	<b>High School Graduation</b>
January 20-21, 2021	K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening	May 31, 2021	No school for students/staff - Memorial Day
January 22, 2020	K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM	June 7, 2021	7-12 Exams AM K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM
February 10, 2021	<b>Count Day</b>	June 8, 2021	7-12 Exams AM K-12 students Half Day AM Dismissed PM Last Student Day End of 3rd Trimester K-12