MAINE SOUTH HAWK SQUAWK

October 22, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

To see the upcoming events for the month of October and November, please click <u>here</u>.

News from the Principal's Office

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Watch the latest **<u>video</u>** from Dr. Babakhani on important school updates and news!

OCTOBER 207s BEST

The Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education honored three students in the area of community service naming them "207's Best" at its most recent meeting. Dr. Melissa Dudic, Associate Principal of Teaching & Learning, honored student Kathleen Weitzel from South.



News from Student & Family Services

MPAC MEETING NEXT WEEK

Multilingual Parent Advisory Committee (MPAC) - You are Invited!! Our first meeting is <u>Monday,</u> <u>October 28th @ 6pm!</u> Join us in an engaging and supportive parent advisory committee that centers multilingualism and supports our efforts in honoring programming to develop students' language skills. The Illinois School Code establishes the Multilingual Parent Advisory Committee (MPAC) as a standing committee at schools which have bilingual educational programs. As such, the MPAC is responsible for advising the school and district leaders in regards to the planning, operation, and evaluation of multilingual program services. We are looking for parents who have students who are currently receiving linguistic support in our multilingual program, as well as any parent/guardians that are interested in supporting the language development and acquisition within our school community.

Our committee works to enhance and enrich achievement for all English learners by promoting educational and cultural resources and empowering parents and caregivers to actively participate in the educational process for their children. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a member of our committee - please refer to this RSVP form see our committee meeting dates and topics, as well as a space at the end for any inquiries or questions you may. (Link to RSVP Form)

MPAC Parent/Guardian President: Hannah Moses Administrator Support: Tona Costello (Department Chair of Multilingual/World Language) + Kyleen Coia (Associate Principal of Student + Family Services)

OFF CAMPUS PRIVILEGES

We wanted to send a reminder regarding the off-campus privileges for our students. Please review the following guidelines to ensure clarity:

Late Arrival and Early Dismissal Privileges:

- Only Juniors and Seniors are permitted to arrive late or leave early.
- All 9th and 10th-grade students are required to remain on campus for the full school day, even if they have study hall during the first or last block.

Off-Campus Lunch Privileges for Seniors:

Only Seniors may leave campus for lunch if they meet the following criteria:

- The student must be passing all classes.
- The student must have no unauthorized absences in the past two weeks.
- The student must have no tardies in the past two weeks.
- The student must not have lost privileges or have any disciplinary action pending from their APSS.
- Parental/caregiver permission must be on file (this is completed during the online registration process).

Please remind your students of these policies to ensure that everyone is clear on the expectations. If students engage in off campus behavior that is not in alignment with the aforementioned guidelines, disciplinary responses will occur. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a positive and organized school environment.

News from Student Experiences

LGBTQ+ History Month Event

On Friday, October 18th, the LRC hosted a rich discussion and celebration for LGBTQ+ History Month. The panel featured award-winning Chicago author James Klise and members of Maine South's very own production of *The Laramie Project*. Please see the photos below.







Show your Hawk P.R.I.D.E.

BE DEPENDABLE!

Our Hawk P.R.I.D.E. framework represents the skills and competencies we commit to developing in our students to support them as Maine South students and beyond.

D represents DEPENDABLE. Students are dependable when they consider the impact of their choices on themselves and others, are reliable and trustworthy, and uphold high standards for the safety and collective well-being of others.

In the classroom setting, students can demonstrate dependability by consistently attending classes and arriving on time, actively participating, and completing assignments with their best efforts and academic integrity. Caregivers, you can support your student as a dependable learner by monitoring your student's attendance and academic progress on the Infinite Campus portal, and having learning-focused conversations about the actions they are taking that contribute to their successes or challenges in the classroom. Additionally, automated missing assignment emails will continue to go out on Mondays each week and attendance/grade summary reports will be sent out on the first Wednesday of each month.

WLML WEEK

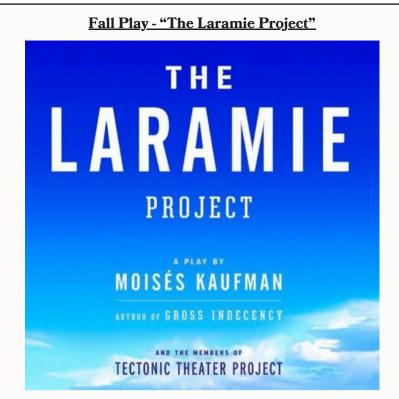
October 21st - October 25th

The World Language and Multilingual Department will be hosting WLML Week from <u>Monday</u>, <u>October 21st to Friday October 25th</u>. We will have international music playing before school and in between classes. There will be a Dodgeball Tournament on Wednesday, October 23rd at 3:30pm near the softball fields. We will have our five language teams represented as well as a multilingual team open to all students for the tournament. There will be a WLML staff photo game, "Guess Who and Match the Staff with their Baby Picture" in the 2nd floor A-wing. There will be an international breakfast with a guest speaker, Gianmarco Pietropinto from Dior on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:30 in the LRC. We will also have a design the new WLML T-shirt contest open to ALL students.





News from Fine Arts



The Laramie Project is a play about the aftermath surrounding the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming in 1998. Matthew was a 20 year old university student who was gay, driven and full of compassion for others. He was deceived to trust two local men in Laramie who murdered him out of hate for the queer part of his identity. The play focuses on the reactions of different perspectives of citizens in the town and is done in the style of what is known as "Verbatim Theatre" - meaning the dialogue is born from word for word transcriptions from interviews.

This play remains eerily relevant in 2024 as our young people still struggle with community response and perception of their every-changing identities. The cast was given the amazing fortune of being able to speak first-hand with Dennis Shepard who imparted some sage words of wisdom onto the cast saying that "the main goal of this play should be to make life better for everyone. That's exactly what Matthew always set out to do."

In the lobby of this show prior to the performances beginning, you will see dramaturgical displays of letters written to the Shepard family from across the world, reaching out to offer condolences, support, and outpours of love. You'll also find information on the mission of the Matthew Shepard Foundation, which continues to work toward the mission of erasing hate against the LGBTQ+ community. Lastly, there will be offerings in the lobby of items that the audience can first hand put on the stage while offering a silent intention of how they'd like to make life better for everyone.

Should you or anyone you know seeing the show feel the need to process the content of what you see immediately after it ends, there will be 15 minute talk back sessions after each performance where audience members are invited to stay and process out loud with director, Joey Fitzpatrick, and Maine South administration as we discuss what was presented and what support for our students in our community looks like.

Performances are Thursday - 10/24, Friday - 10/25, and Saturday - 10/26 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday - 10/27 at 2:00 p.m.

News from Athletics

To see the upcoming athletic events, please click <u>here</u>!

College & Career

Maine South High School Career & College Resource Center **October 2024 Newsletter**



Mrs. Loukas (Career Coordinator) Email: iloukas@maine207.org Schedule an appointment calendly.com/iloukas



Career Mrs. Loukas (Career Co

Highlighted Career Event: Nerdy Girl Success

Career and Leadership Summit This annual Career and Leadership Summit presented by Nerdy Girl Success is an event meant to empower and encourage all female identifying and non-binary students. There will be workshops, a career fair, and a career panel discussion by representatives from various industries!

When: November 2 (9:00am-12:30pm) Where: Maine South High School Register: bit.ly/nerdygirlchicago

Highlighted Career Trek: LGH Healthcare Career **Exploration Night**

This Career Trek will be at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for their 'Healthcare Career Exploration Night'. During this event, students will have the chance to speak first hand to healthcare professionals about their career path. There will be clinical and non-clinical hospital professionals available to speak with students and provide them with with students and provide them with information about their career.

When: October 23 (5:00-7:00pm) Where: Advocate Lutheran General

Hospital Register: bit.ly/LGHExplore





Events

For additional ("Career" > "O 10/23: LGH Healthcare Career Exploration Night

11/2: Nerdy Girl Success Career and Leadership Summit

11/12: Masonry Building Trades Career Trek

Workshops

10/16: Plumbers Trade Informational Workshop 10/23: Electrician Trade Informational Workshop 10/30: Carpenter Trade Informational Workshop

Technology

- ubs and Organizations n STEM
- nple Careers

chooLinks has hundreds of community opportunities

- mmuners cluding: Solution at Care For R

Maine South High School Career & College Resource Center

October Newsletter

College

Mrs. Moreth (Postsecondary Counselor)

Upcoming CCRC College Events

4- Year Universities-College Rep Visits for October Reminder to pay attention to upcoming Early Action/Priority Deadlines, many begin Nov. 1st

Oakton College

Rep Lauren Waitt will be in the CCRC on 11/4 from 11:15-1:45

ISAC Rep Indra Ayushjav will be in the CCRC on Tuesday 10/15 & 11/12 if you have questions about FAFSA (Opens Dec. 1) IIndra.Ayushjav@illinois.gov



What to be thinking about in October

Seniors:

- Application deadlines Completing Common
- App, if that is how you are applying
- · Essavs Letters of
- recommendation
- Linking Common App to SchooLinks
- Adding any non-CA applications to SchooLinks
- Attend college rep visits
- Campus visits Search for scholarships

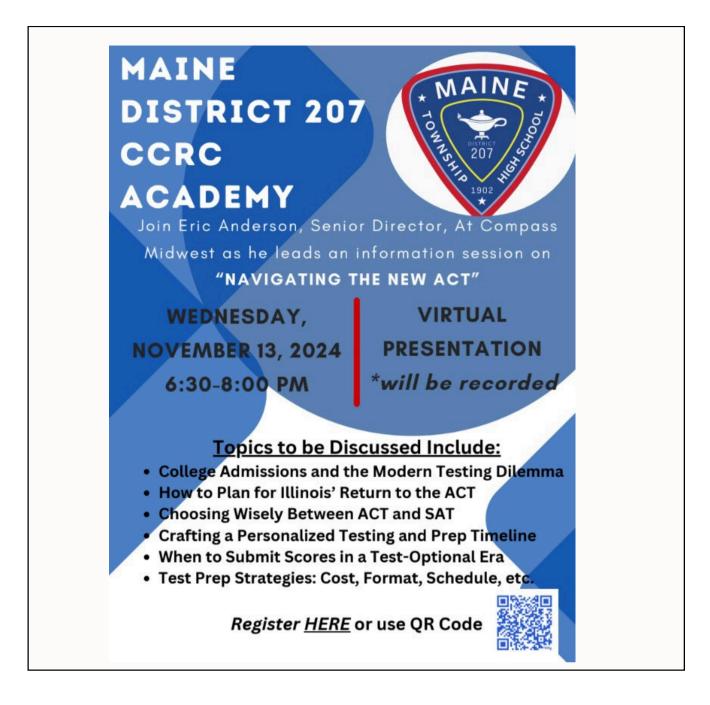
Juniors:

- Attend college rep visits Campus visits
- Start building a list of colleges
- Seek career experiences Meet with CCRC team









Parent Club & Organizations





Team Fundraisers & Groups



QUICK LINKS

Athletics	Maine South Promise	Maine South Online Store	Parent Engagement
Bookstore	Departments	College & Career	Student & Family Services