

MAINE SOUTH HAWK SQUAWK

October 8, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

To see the upcoming events for the month of October, please click [here](#).

News from the Principal's Office

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Watch the latest [video](#) from Dr. Babakhani on important school updates and news!

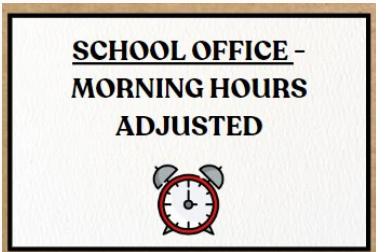
2ND CUP OF COFFEE



We're looking forward to seeing you at our next session of 2nd Cup of Coffee on **Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00PM**. We will continue our discussions from our [previous meeting](#). Please join us for some coffee, good discussions and working together to think about improving the educational experience of our students.

Please complete [this form](#) if you are planning to attend.

DISTRICT & SCHOOL OFFICE - HOURS ADJUSTED FRIDAY MORNING (10/11)



Due to a district-wide training on **Friday, Oct. 11**, the schools and district office will be closed from 7:30 a.m. until 9:15 a.m.

Students are not in attendance on Oct. 11.

STUDENTS NAMED FOR NATIONAL MERIT



Several Maine South seniors have earned recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Students achieved their status based on their performance on the PSAT taken in their junior year of high school.

Students that earned **Semifinalists status** include Thomas Hurley and Samara Lefler (pictured in second image).

Alexander Babich, Sydney Fraley, Eliza Goldwasser, Evelyn Kellogg, Irene Kostov, Kayla Krawczynski, Reed Kuczura, James Macdougall, Katerina Markova, Victoria Stott, Laith Tannous, Caitlin Vengazo and Jake Zabratanski each earned **Commended status**.

Featured in the first photo are: (Front row, left to right): Sydney Fraley, Victoria Stott, Eliza Goldwasser, Irene Kostov and Evelyn Kellogg. (Back row, left to right): Jake Zabratanski, Laith Tannous, Alexander Babich, James Macdougall, Reed Kuczura, Thomas Hurley, Samara Lefler and Katerina Markova.

Not pictured Kayla Krawczynski and Caitlin Vengazo.

Each year, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation uses the SAT scores of some 1.3 million program entrants to determine recognition. The top 50,000 scores are used for semifinalist and commended status. Of those entrants, less than 1% (only the top 16,000 of the high scorers) qualify as semifinalists with the opportunity to advance to Merit Scholarship awards. The remaining 34,000 qualify for commended status.

Semifinalists can advance to the finalist level of the competition and earn one of three types of scholarships:

- One of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships. Winners of this scholarship receive a single payment of \$2,500.
- A corporate-sponsored scholarship. Over 100 corporations, company foundations, and businesses sponsor scholarships through the National Merit Program as part of their educational philanthropy. This year, these sponsors committed nearly \$13 million to support Merit Scholarship awards, scholarships for children of their employees, or for other accomplished students who meet the sponsor's criteria.
- A college-sponsored merit scholarship. National Merit Scholarships will be offered to finalists who plan to attend a sponsor college or university. Approximately 150 colleges sponsor the program.

All Merit Scholar designees are chosen based on their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

News from Student & Family Services

MULTILINGUAL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

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](#) to see our committee meeting dates and topics, as well as a space at the end for any inquiries or questions you may.

MPAC Parent/Guardian President: Hannah Moses

Administrator Support: Tona Costello (Department Chair of Multilingual/World Language) + Kyleen Coia (Associate Principal of Student + Family Services)

News from Student Experiences



Click on [THIS SLIDESHOW](#) to view photos from Homecoming 2024!

News from Teaching & Learning

SHOW YOUR HAWK P.R.I.D.E.

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.

I represents INCLUSIVE. Students are inclusive when they value the strength of our diverse community, include the perspectives and experiences of others, and promote kindness and equity for all.

In the classroom setting, inclusion means creating a learning environment where every student, regardless of their background, abilities, or learning needs, feels valued, respected, and engaged. At Maine South, teachers frequently plan cooperative learning activities that promote positive interdependence and individual accountability, while developing students' social skills.

Caregivers, we encourage you to discuss with your student the importance of respecting others' identities, ideas, and learning styles, and appreciating the strengths that each classmate brings to the learning experience in order to support our commitment to inclusive classroom learning communities for all.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to the students inducted into the Science Honor Society, celebrating their dedication to science and academic excellence!



News from Instructional Operations

NEW TESTING CENTER HOURS

Please see the new testing center hours. The new hours will begin on **Wednesday, October 2nd.**

Testing Center Hours	
Monday	7:45 am - 2:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am - 3:45 pm
Wednesday	7:30 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am - 3:45 pm
Friday	7:45 am - 2:30 pm

College & Career

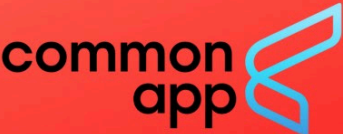
MAINE SOUTH CLASS OF 2025



DROP-IN COLLEGE APPLICATION
HELP SESSIONS IN THE CCRC

EVERY MONDAY, 7:45-8:20 AM FROM 9/9/24-11/11/24
(NO SESSION ON 10/14); NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

THESE SESSIONS ARE INTENDED FOR QUICK QUESTIONS ABOUT
YOUR COLLEGE APPS, INTEGRATION WITH SCHOOLINKS, ETC.



 **CHOICES Fair**
A COLLEGE PLANNING EVENT FOR
STUDENTS WITH IEPs AND 504 PLANS

OCTOBER 8, 2024
6 - 8:30 PM
NILES NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
9800 LAWLER AVE, SKOKIE

Speaker 1: 6-6:40 pm
Speaker 2: 6:45-7:15 pm
College Fair: 7-8:30 pm

Join us for speakers and a fair to connect
with college disability services.

Interpreters provided
For more information
POSTSECONDARYCHOICES.ORG



 **Feria CHOICES**
UNA PLANIFICACIÓN DE EVENTOS
UNIVERSITARIOS PARA ESTUDIANTES
CON IEP Y PLAN 504

8 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2024
6 - 8:30 PM
NILES NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
9800 LAWLER AVE, SKOKIE

Orador 1: 6-6:40 pm
Orador 2: 6:45-7:15 pm
Feria Universitaria: 7-8:30 pm

Acompáñenos para escuchar a los oradores y
visitar una feria para conectar con los servicios
de discapacidad de las universidades.

Se proporcionarán intérpretes
Para obtener más información
POSTSECONDARYCHOICES.ORG



News from Athletics

To see the upcoming athletic events, please click [here!](#)

HAWKS ARE SOARING!

Girls Golf Sectional Qualifiers (4): Sydney Hollingsworth, Bridget Woods, Makayla Waters, Alexis Vengazo

Boys Golf Sectional Qualifiers (4): Jack Zone, Chris Clark, Charlie Francis, Adam Drabek

Boys Soccer won the Boday Armor Tournament Championship (9/29) for the first time in school history!

Girls Volleyball had a big win over rival Loyola (9/26) on Teacher Appreciation Night

Pictures from Fine Arts & Athletics





Parent Club & Organizations

MAINE SOUTH PARENTS SCHOLARSHIP CLUB (MSPSC)

TEE TIMES FOR
SINGLES, DOUBLES AND
FOURSOMES STILL
OPEN!

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 19TH,
2024

HIGHLAND WOODS
GOLF COURSE IN
HOFFMAN ESTATES

\$150 PER PERSON

LAST CALL...
REGISTER
TO GOLF!

DEADLINE IS THIS
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 10TH!

INCLUDES 18 HOLE
SCRAMBLE, CART,
RANGE BALLS,
LUNCH AND ONE
DRINK TICKET

All proceeds go to Maine South Parents Scholarship Club for deserving Seniors
and your donation is tax deductible as we are a 501c3 organization!
Your donation is rain or shine. No refunds.



MAINE SOUTH PARENTS' SCHOLARSHIP CLUB

BE A SUPPORTER

Contribute Monetarily or Volunteer today!



E-MAIL US HERE



Color Guard



2024/2025 School Year

The Sweetest Way to Support Maine South High School

Proceeds go to **COLOR GUARD**

Fundraiser Cake Flavors Available:
Chocolate Chocolate Chip | Red Velvet | White Chocolate Raspberry
Lemon | Confetti | Classic Vanilla | Carrot
Snickerdoodle | Strawberries & Cream | Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookie

Individual Bundtlet Cost: \$6.50
(cash, credit, apple pay/ tap pay)

First Friday of Every Month!

Sept 6th
Oct 4th
Nov 1st
Dec 6th
Jan 10th - second Friday
Feb 7th
Mar 7th
Apr 4th
May 2nd

10:30am - 1:30pm
(Table will be by the bookstore)

Questions?
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(847) 255-2253 • NothingBundtCakes.com

FOOD ALLERGEN NOTE: Our cakes contain wheat, milk, eggs, and soy. Cakes may contain traces of tree nuts and peanuts.

QUICK LINKS

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