

MAINE SOUTH HAWK SQUAWK

January 14, 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

To see the upcoming events for the months of January and February, please click [here](#).

News from the Principal's Office

DISTRICT 207'S BEST FOR JANUARY

The Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education recently honored three students in the area of academic achievement naming them “207’s Best” at a recent meeting. Laith Tannous was selected as Maine South’s best for his strong commitment to learning and academic excellence. Congratulations, Laith! 🎉



2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVED 📅

Please click on [this link](#) to view the approved school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

News from Student Experiences

SOUTHWORDS EARNS TWO HONOR DISTINCTIONS

Maine South High School’s Southwords newspaper recently earned two honor distinctions from two different press associations. Southwords is a student-run publication designed as a public forum for student opinion and balanced reporting on topics relevant to the Maine South High School community.

In its most recent newspaper critique, the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) awarded Southwords its highest honor rating, the prestigious All-American award. In addition to scoring the points required for a First Class rating, the publication also earned four marks of distinction in the areas of Coverage, Content, Visuals and Presentation. The judges noted that Southwords’ issues were “full of so much relevant, important and entertaining information,” and that it was “clear that Southwords is doing a true service to the community.”

Additionally, the Kettle Moraine Press Association (KEMPA), awarded Southwords the honor rating of “All-Kempa,” as part of its 2024 KEMPA Critique. This is the highest honor rating given to newspapers that are submitted for critique. The judge noted that Southwords “truly understands the heartbeat of the school community,” and that the Southwords journalists “leveled up from last year, which was already stellar journalism.”

“This recognition from judges across the country reflects Maine South’s student journalists’ drive to produce a dynamic, informative and entertaining publication that our community can be proud of,” says Southwords Adviser Alexander Stathakis.

The Southwords staff currently includes Editors-in-Chief Thomas Hurley and Caitlin Vengazo; News Editors Joseph Calderon, Charlotte Chapman and Samara Lefler; Commentary Editors Eliza Goldwasser, Hayden Magad and Emery Yates; Features Editors Quinn Annis, Ava Jurek and Margaret Sheehan; Entertainment Editors Sayde Feeley, Grace Halpert and Josie Hennes; Sports Editors Audrey Becker, Kyra Demeros and Brianna Giustino; and Production Editors Lily Giambarberee and Anatasisa Musyakevich.



MSHS JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY.
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE. 25% TASTES MADE
FOIL-WRAP COULD BE BETTER FRESH
GOODNESS WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD EVERY
GENERATION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD EVERY DAY
HELPING LEADERSHIP IS THE BEST THING YOU
SPIRITOS! SAVING THE WORLD IS THE ULTIMATE
CAUSE! AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO MAKE A BETTER
DRINK! DRINK! DRINK! DRINK! DRINK! DRINK!

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
MSHS JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND | 4-8PM
119 S NORTHWEST HWY, PARK RIDGE, IL, 60068

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **2HRC4TG**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

JUNIOR PROM

04.26.25
Junior Prom

Save the Date

MAINE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
1111 SOUTH DEE ROAD
7:00 PM

MOMENTS BEFORE BREAK!

Even though we are in the start of a new semester, please enjoy these school photos prior to winter break! Fine Arts took the stage in the Commons, showcasing their incredible talents. We had our Student of the Quarter breakfast, recognizing students for their hard work and success throughout Quarter 2. Dr. Babakhani surprised everyone with a coffee cart, bringing a little extra warmth to the school day. Students and staff got into the spirit with some fantastic outfits during Spirit Week, and to top it off, puppies visited!







News from Student & Family Services

COURSE SELECTION DEADLINE: JANUARY 23RD

Since November, current 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students have been meeting with their counselors individually to select courses for the 2025-2026 school year. Current 9th graders will continue to meet with counselors up until January 23rd. Please note that the deadline to make any changes to course requests for all grades is January 23rd. Parents can view their child's course requests by logging into Schoolinks via their parent portal. [This link](#) will walk you through how to access your parent Schoolinks account. Students should contact their counselor directly to communicate any adjustments before this date.

INCOMING FRESHMEN - COURSE SELECTION NIGHT

Last week, we hosted our Course Selection Night for Incoming Freshmen and their families. The evening began with a student panel, where current Hawks shared valuable insights about life at Maine South. Families and students then met with their counselors to hear about course options for the next school year!



**MAINE
DISTRICT 207
CCRC
ACADEMY**



**Wednesday,
January 15th, 2025
6:30pm-8pm**

**Virtual
Presentation**

**VIRTUAL PRESENTATION
NCAA Eligibility Presentation
Grade Level: All Students and Parents**

**Registration Link
bit.ly/CCRCNCAA**



CCRC ACADEMY BONUS SESSION: CLASS OF 2026 COLLEGE KICKOFF



**CCRC Academy Bonus Session
*presented by CGN***

**Class of 2026 College Kickoff
Sunday, January 26, 2025
6:30 PM CDT
*free virtual event***

Featured Experts:

**Christoph Guttentag, Dean of Undergraduate
Admissions, Duke University**

**Brennan Barnard, Director of College
Counseling, Khan Schools Network**

**Christoph Guttentag, longtime Dean of
Admissions at Duke University, will share his
advice and take questions from the audience live.
We will also hear from a panel of parents who
have recently been through the admissions
process about what worked well and what they
wish they had done differently.**

To register, please click [HERE](#).

News from Fine Arts

ALL STATE MUSIC & THEATRE STUDENTS

Congratulations to our All-State Music Students and our All-State Theatre Production Students! Our All-State Musicians will be performing in Peoria January 30 - February 1, 2025. Our All-State Theatre students are performing January 6 - 11, 2025. Bravo to our state-level performers!

ILMEA ALL-STATE MUSICIANS



Mia Buchheister • Kyan Guzman-Piwko • Reed Maurer • Rosie O'Hara • Oliver Poole • Lucy Hassman • Ollie Tiu • George Spiegel • Naomi Nishi • Aleksandra Nawrocki • Erik Graves

IHSTF All-State Theatre Musicians, Actors, and Stage Crew!



Jane Nuich

Charles Rzany

Alex Dolubizno

Mickey Gioia

Jaden Clarke

Speech, Drama, & Broadcasting Boosters: Senior Scholarship Application

The Speech, Drama, and Broadcasting Boosters are offering a scholarship for seniors who have shown dedication and passion in these areas. To apply, please click [here](#).

Parent Clubs & Organizations

MAINE SOUTH PARENTS SCHOLARSHIP CLUB (MSPSC)

You are invited to a

PRE-SUPER BOWL SOCIAL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

HARP & FIDDLE
07:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wear your favorite team gear!

Free Maine South Pub Glass and Appetizers with \$20 Cover

SUPERBOWL SQUARES

Kendra Scott Sales (think Valentine's Day)

Hosted by Maine South Parents' Scholarship Club
It's a fundraiser that you can win too!

Team Fundraisers & Groups

COLOR GUARD



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!

10:30am - 1:30pm

(Table will be by the bookstore)

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

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

QUICK LINKS

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