

MAINE SOUTH HAWK SQUAWK

January 28, 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

News from the Principal's Office

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE - 2ND CUP OF COFFEE

Dear Maine South Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to invite you to our next "2nd Cup of Coffee with the Principal" on Tuesday, February 18th from 7:00-8:00PM. This month, we'll be dedicating our discussion to all things related to our seniors as they prepare for the culmination of their high school journey. Our speaker for this evening will be our very own, Mr. Mike Edwards, Associate Principal of Student Experiences. This will be a 20 minute presentation followed by a Q & A.

Here's what we'll cover:

- End of Year Events: Get a basic overview of all the senior activities planned for the end of the school year and learn how your senior can be involved in each one.
- Prom and Commencement: Important dates, venues, and preparation tips for these milestone events.
- Six Flags Day and Senior Breakfast: Details on these fun-filled events that are much-awaited by our seniors.
- Cap and Gown Pickup: Information on when and where seniors can pick up their caps and gowns.

This meeting is a great opportunity to gather vital information, ask questions, and understand how you can support your senior in these final memorable months. If you are interested in attending, please complete [THIS RSVP FORM](#). We look forward to seeing you there and engaging in a productive discussion!

News from Student Experiences

SAFE DRIVING ON CAMPUS REMINDER



As we continue into the start of second semester, we would like to remind families who drive on campus to continue to follow the dropoff and pickup flow to ensure safety for all members of the Maine South community. Please view this map-[Maine South Map 24-25 - School Pickup/Dropoff](#) to ensure you are driving in the correct directions, and please remember to travel at a safe speed when you enter the lot.

JUNIOR PROM

04.26.25
Junior Prom

Save the Date

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

WELCOMING STUDENTS FROM KOREA

Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting a group of Korean students. During their time here, the visitors got the opportunity to connect with Maine south students and staff and get a glimpse of life as a Hawk!



News from Student & Family Services

Encouraging Safe & Respectful Traditions: 12th Grade Families

Please see this [important letter](#) from our Maine South Administration to senior students and families.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Maine South High School Career & College Resource Center January 2025 Newsletter



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



Mrs. Moreth (Postsecondary Counselor) Email: rmoreth@maine207.org Schedule an appointment: calendly.com/rmoreth

Career Services Mrs. Loukas (Career Coordinator)

Upcoming Career Event: Black Excellence Is Everywhere

To celebrate black excellence in our community, D207's Integrated Career Services Department and Black cultural clubs are partnering to host Black Excellence Is Everywhere. For this event, all black identifying students are welcome! There will be a career and HBCU panel discussion, engaging activities, awesome giveaways, and a delicious cultural lunch.

When: February 27, 2025 Where: Maine East High School Sign Up: bit.ly/BEIE25



Highlights from Black Excellence Is Everywhere 2024

Upcoming Career Experience: McDonald's Executive Business Competition

On January 31, McDonald's is partnering up with SuitUp and D207 to provide our students with a career experience in business. In this experience, we are taking students to the Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel to participate in a business competition run by the executives of the McDonald's Corporation. The executives will help students prepare their business plan and students will present it to the McDonald's executive judges. The winners of the competition will be rewarded a cash prize!



Business Career Competition with SuitUp and SHURE in 2024

Workshops

Visit the CCRC during lunch period.

- 2/5: Volunteering Workshop 2/19: Resume Building Workshop

This month we are highlighting careers and career experiences in the

Business and Communications

Coursework:

- Intro to Business Marketing Digital Marketing Accounting Investing Risk and Reward And much more! (See SchoolLinks > School > Course Catalog)

Clubs and Organizations:

- DECA Investment Club Women in Business Digital Marketing Club

Example Careers:

- Entrepreneur Real Estate Agent Financial Advisor Accountant And much more! (See SchoolLinks > Careers > Career Center)

SchoolLinks has hundreds of community opportunities including:

- Apply for the Kimberly Querrey Summer Research Program Apply for the Summer Student Leader Program with Bank of America Sales Associate with Wheel and Sprocket And much more! (See SchoolLinks > Career > Opportunities)



FINANCIAL AID/SCHLORSHIPS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025



MAINE SOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS ON SCHOOLINKS: WATCH VIDEO AND/OR READ INSTRUCTIONS*

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT: LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TIPS

FINANCIAL AID 101

*You must be logged into SchoolLinks to read the instructions

CCRC ACADEMY: MOCK ADMISSIONS WORKSHOP

**MAINE
DISTRICT 207
CCRC
ACADEMY**



Thursday, February 27th, 2025

6:30pm-8:30 pm

In-Person Hosted @Maine West HS

**CARR Mock Admissions Presentation: Learn
About the College Admissions Process**
Grade Level: All Students and Parents

**Registration Link
bit.ly/4ajzMl0**



News from Athletics

SWIMMING & DIVING COACH WINS IHSA COACH OF THE YEAR

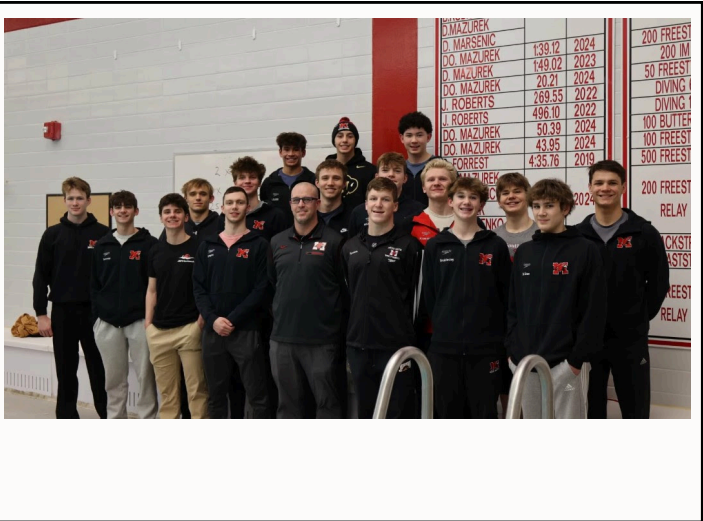
As a part of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coach of the Year program, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) administrative staff annually honors individuals as NFHS Coaches of the Year in their respective sports. This year, Maine South High School's **Don Kura** was selected as the IHSA Coach of the Year for Boys Swimming and Diving.

"Don's service and devotion to Boys Swimming and Diving in the state of Illinois is sincerely appreciated and he can be proud of this important recognition by the NFHS Coaches Association," wrote IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. Coaches of the Year are selected based on the results of the previous school year, as well as other elements such as career success, positive leadership, sportsmanship and contributions to the sport.

Kura has been the boys and girls swimming and diving coach at Maine South for over 20 years and shares his gratitude for this accomplishment. "It feels very rewarding, but more than anything it's about the kids and the coaching staff," shares Kura. "None of this is possible without any of them or the support that we get day-to-day here at Maine South."

Kura was recently honored for his achievements in front of his fellow Maine South staff members during a staff meeting where they expressed their appreciation of Kura and his commitment to the school and its students. "When we went through the construction process and renovating the pool, his input was all about how to make the facility better for our athletes and for our PE classes," explained Maine South Athletic Director Matt Ryder. "It's no surprise that Coach Kura has been one to use what he has to maximize opportunities for our students."

"This is not a me award, this is a team award," says Kura. "This kind of thing doesn't happen if you don't get really good kids that are willing to listen, willing to compete and willing to push themselves to be better day in and day out, no matter what."



HOOP HIGHLIGHTS 🏀

Please enjoy the following photos from our Boys & Girls basketball games.



News from Fine Arts

DRAMA SHOWCASE

The middle of Winter is the perfect time for a good LAUGH! **Join Maine South' Drama 2/3/4 class showcase performance on January 28th at 7pm** as they present 30 PLAYS IN 60 MINUTES, all devised from writing submissions from students in our sending schools in district 64!

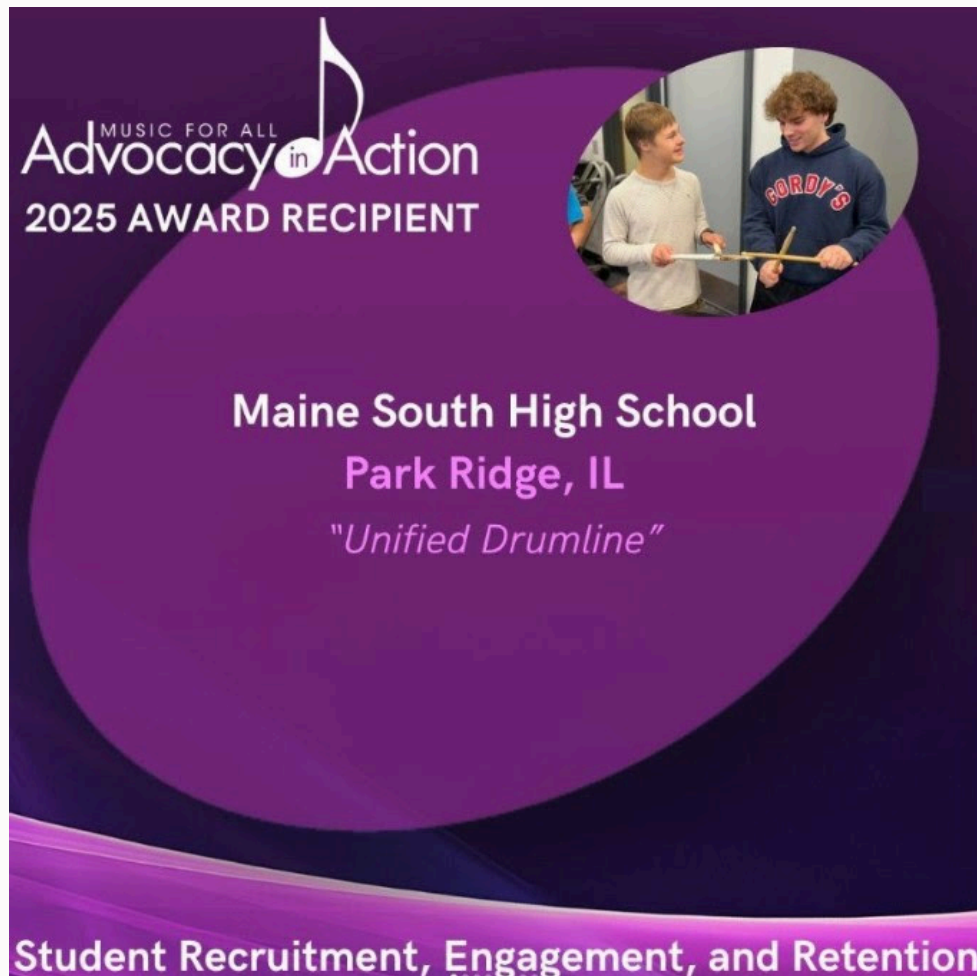
This year's theme is "Goofy stock photos: How did we get here?!" - students in District 64 classes were charged with receiving a silly stock photo from the internet and writing a funny story about how that photo. came to be! Join us in hearing and seeing their hilarious interpretations! Admission is FREE and the show runs one hour long. Questions? Ask Joey Fitzpatrick at jfitzpatrick@maine207.org

MAINE SOUTH'S UNIFIED DRUMLINE WINS 2025 AWARD

Music for All, an advocacy organization, recently announced the recipients of the 2025 Advocacy in Action Awards, including Maine South High School's Unified Drumline. The nomination was submitted by Director of Bands David Hutter and the drumline won in the student recruitment, engagement and retention category.

Unified Drumline was started during the 2023-24 school year based on a suggestion from Maine South 12th grader Lily Heneghan. In the program, band students and special education students work together on drumming fundamentals including how to hold drumsticks, how to play the drums, rhythm games and more. Together, they prepare songs to perform at fall assemblies and home football games.

Congratulations, drummers! 🎉🥁




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](#).

Team Fundraisers & Groups


DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



**CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
 MAINE SOUTH BOOK CLUB**
 25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH | 5-9PM
 119 S NORTHWEST HWY, PARK RIDGE, IL, 60068

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **9FQJCXW**
 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.

Maine South Baseball Boosters presents





**MAINE SOUTH BASEBALL
 2025 FUNDRAISER**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
7:00PM- 11:00PM
AT
THE HARP & FIDDLE
110 MAIN ST, PARK RIDGE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING WITH OPEN BAR FROM
 7-9PM, HEAVY APPETIZERS, A SILENT AUCTION OF AMAZING GIFT
 BASKETS, GIFT CERTIFICATES, SPORTS MEMORABILIA AND MORE!

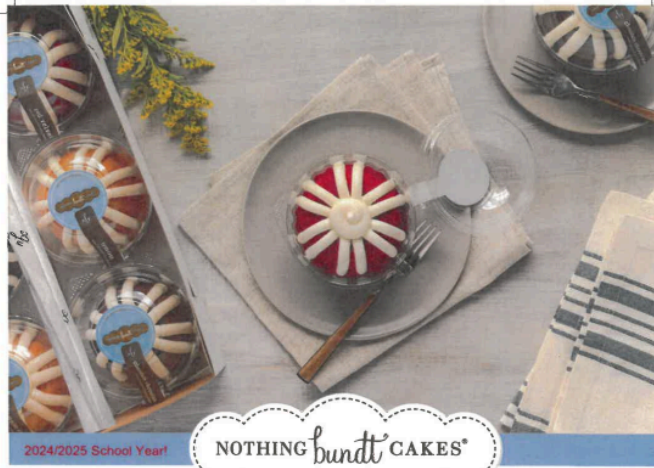
\$75 PER PERSON

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR MAINE SOUTH BASEBALL PLAYERS!!

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AT QR CODE OR
WWW.GIVEBUTTER.COM/2025_SWINGFORTHEFENCES

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KRISTIN ZABRATANSKI
 KRISTINZAB@GMAIL.COM





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
\$7.00 per bundtlet or 4 bundtlets for \$25.00

(cash, credit, apple pay/ tap pay)

First Friday of Every Month!

Feb 7th
Mar 7th
Apr 4th
May 2nd

Questions?
crogers@maine207.org

10:30am - 1:30pm

(Table will be by the bookstore)

Mt Prospect
1071 N. Elmhurst Road, #M-105, Mt Prospect, IL 60056
(847) 253-2253 • NothingBundtCakes.com

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

QUICK LINKS

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Bookstore	Departments	College & Career	Student & Family Services