

JOPPA-MAPLE GROVE UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #38



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Dear Students, Parents, and/or Guardians;

I want to thank you for making the 2017-18 school year a success. The Joppa-Maple Grove (JMG) School District takes pride in ensuring that each and every student is successfully prepared for the future.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, one of the primary tasks that we have been working on is making certain that the Parent/Student Handbooks are aligned and up-to-date. It is imperative to insure that we are aligned to Illinois School Code and Board Policy. Due to this alignment process, this fall, you will notice that there are a number of enhancements to the handbook.

We thought it would be useful to share some of that information with you now, as you prepare for the upcoming school year.

Start/End Times: There are no changes to the start/end times for Maple Grove. However, Joppa High School will begin and end 11 minutes later each day. The doors will open at 8:05 a.m. and classes will begin at 8:26 a.m. This will allow us to offer a dual credit English course through Shawnee Community College.

In an effort to give students an opportunity to complete assignments, tutorial periods will be alongside lunch periods. It is our hope that this will increase student achievement.

Attendance: As you plan for vacation, please note that the JMG attendance policy has been updated in order to align to state attendance expectations for students. If you plan on your child missing school for a pre-arranged absence during the school year, please be aware of the following:

Ø Requests for pre-arranged absences should be made in writing to the office. Pre-planned absences will be considered for up to a maximum of five days as long as the student has 2 or fewer absences accumulated at that time. Pre-planned absences will not be approved when the students has accumulated 7 or more absences for the year. The principal may approve or deny the request based on prior attendance records, academic progress, and behavior.

Dress Code: We want to be certain that you are aware of dress code expectations before you start to shop for new school clothes. Much of the dress code policy remains the same. Please be mindful of the following dress code requirements:

- Jackets, coats, enclosed binders and/or book bags are not acceptable in class.
- Clothing that is otherwise poorly fitting, showing skin and/or undergarments may not be worn at school. **Clothing with holes, rips, and tears must be covered underneath or the holes, rips, and tears must be below the fingertip length.**
- The length of shorts, dresses, rompers, or skirts must come to end of **fingertip length**. Tights, leggings, yoga pants, or other types of hosiery must be accompanied by a fingertip length top or dress.
- The width of all tops must be a **width of three fingers** at the shoulder.
- There should be no inappropriate apparel, including tank tops (3 finger strap minimum), spaghetti strap dresses, pajamas, house shoes/slippers, and/or backless tops.
- Blouses and shirts must meet skirts, slacks, or pants. The midriff must not show.

***Fingertip length/width is determined by the individual student. Fingertip length is established with students holding their arms at their side without shrugging their shoulders.

As in years past, parents and guardians are encouraged to sign up for our STI online portal. This is where parents can monitor and track student attendance, grades, and discipline. To receive access to STI, parents must come to the school for a username and password – telephone requests will not be processed. After receiving login information, parents can sign up for notifications.

Once finalized, the Parent/Student Handbook will be posted to the district website. If you have any questions about these or any other sections of the handbook, please don't hesitate to contact me at 543-7589.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Waddell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Terri Waddell, Principal