



# The Bobcat Beat

JANUARY 2024



*Miss Hollman's students read and acted out a play from their drama unit in class*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year!  
As we LEAP into the second semester, I'm thrilled to witness our students' growth. This semester brings new opportunities for learning, growth, and fresh experiences. Maple Creek remains dedicated to fostering a supportive environment where your child can flourish academically, socially, and emotionally. With a refreshed perspective and enthusiasm, let's embrace the challenges ahead, knowing that together we can achieve greatness. I encourage families to stay engaged, communicate openly, and support our students as they embark on this new chapter. Here's to a semester filled with discovery, success, and memorable moments!

-Principal Carter Jones

## IMPORTANT dates and events



**Wrestling Practice Begins 1/8**

**No School - Monday  
January 15th- MLK day**

**ISSMA Solo Ensemble  
Saturday January 27th**

**Swim/Dive Practice Begins  
Monday 1/29 @ CHS Natatorium**



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## 6TH GRADE SCIENCE

Right before winter break, students created a Rollercoaster STEM project using nothing but file folders, cardboard, and tape. They had to work through the Design Process and troubleshoot to make their “rollercoaster” (marble) complete their track.



## PROJECT LEAD THE WAY



**Mrs. Munger's PLTW class had students create functional devices that an Occupational Therapist could use for children to work on fine/gross motor skills. What a cool project to help other children!**



# 8TH GRADE CEDAR POINT TRIP



8th grade students have the ability to register for the Cedar Point class trip on Saturday May 18th. Registration information will come out late Feb.-early March and close March 21st.



The 8th grade Semi Formal will take place this year on Friday, March 1st from 6:00-8:30 p.m. More information soon to come about registration information. A great night of dancing, and fun with your friends!

## MAPLE CREEK SPIRIT WEAR

IF YOU'D LIKE ANY SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR, YOU CAN STOP BY THE SCHOOL STORE AND CHECK OUT OUR INVENTORY. WE STILL HAVE A NICE SELECTION OF T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, BLANKETS AND HATS IF YOU'D LIKE TO CHECK THEM OUT.





# Athletics Information

Coming up soon on January 29th- February 2nd the Swim/Dive practices will begin.

**All athletes MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL COMPLETED and UPLOADED to Final Forms account.** Your child cannot tryout/participate if this is not done.



## Remaining Basketball Schedules

### Girls

1/9	Tues.	5:00	Blackhawk Christian
1/10	Wed.	5:00	New Haven
1/11	Thur.	5:00	@ CHS vs. CMS
1/16	Tues.	5:00	St. Paul (8 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
1/18	Thur.	5:00	@ St. Vincent
1/24	Wed.	5:00	@ Angola
1/29	Mon.	5:30	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> NHMLC
1/30	Tues.	5:30	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Semi-finals
2/1	Thurs.	5:30	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Championship

### Boys

1/9	Tues.	5:00	@ Blackhawk Christian
1/10	Wed.	5:00	@ New Haven
1/16	Tues.	6:30	St. Paul (8 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
1/17	Wed.	5:00	Angola
1/18	Thurs.	5:00	St. Vincent
1/22	Mon.	5:30	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> NHMLC
1/23	Tues.	5:30	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Semi-finals
1/25	Thur.	5:30	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Championship



**“Bruiser the Bobcat” and the 8th grade boys basketball squad showing some holiday spirit.**





**Maple Creek**  
Middle School



# M.S. LUNCH MENU

Lunch = \$2.35, Milk = \$.60, Adults = \$4.60

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>8</b> Taco Max Snacks OR Cheeseburger Baked Beans Tater Tots Chilled Peaches Milk 	<b>9</b> Cheese Omelet OR Chicken Bites Maple Waffle Crispy Cubes Chilled Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>10</b> Pizza Crunchers OR Cheesy Dog Romaine & Tomato Salad w/ Dressing Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Petite Banana Whole Grain Cheez-its Milk 	<b>11</b> Pork & Vegetable Egg Rolls (2) OR Tangerine Chicken W/ Chow Mein Noodles Brown Rice Fresh Steamed Broccoli Fresh Red Apple Slices With Vanilla Yogurt Dip Milk	<b>12</b> Sriracha Boneless Chicken Wings (6) OR Walking Taco Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Seasoned Corn Pineapple Mandarin Salad Sunshine Bar Milk
<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> Roasted Chicken Wings W/ Garlic Breadstick OR Cheesy Italian Pull-aparts Seasoned Crinkle Fries Baby Carrots With Dip Chilled Fruit Cocktail Milk	<b>17</b> Pizza Crunchers OR Mini Chicken Corn Dogs Roasted Brussel Sprouts Seasoned Corn Blushing Pears Baked Chips Milk	<b>18</b> Salisbury Steak W/ Roll Margarine & Jelly OR Breaded Chicken Sand Mashed Potatoes W/ Brown Gravy Chilled Fresh Fruit Graham Cracker Treat Milk	<b>19</b> Chili Con Carne W/ Cornbread Poppers (5) OR Mozzarella Breadstick Bites W/ Pizza Sauce (4) Baked Potato With Toppings Broccoli With Cheese Sauce Chilled Fruit Milk
<b>22</b> Fiestada Pizza OR Walking Taco Spanish Rice Mexicali Corn Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes & Salsa Chilled Fruit Milk 	<b>23</b> Pepperoni French Bread OR Chili Dog / Hot Dog Baked Beans Tater Tots Chilled Peaches Frozen Treat Milk	<b>24</b> Pizza Crunchers OR Chicken Smackers W/ Slice of Bread Seasoned Corn Romaine & Tomato Salad With Dressing Chilled Fruit Milk	<b>25</b> Potato Crusted Fish Sandwich OR Honey Sriracha Chicken (6 pcs.) Ginger Carrots Crinkle Fries Chilled Berries Milk 	<b>26</b> Deluxe Hamburger W/ Pickle Spear OR Chicken Queso Penne Fresh Steamed Broccoli Fresh Apple Slices W/ Vanilla Yogurt Dip Milk
<b>29</b> Cheese Pizza OR Italian Grilled Cheese W/ Warm Pizza Sauce Seasoned Green Beans Romaine Salad With Dressing Chilled Fruit Milk	<b>30</b> Pepperoni French Bread OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Curly Fries Cowboy Beans Chilled Fruit Milk	<b>31</b> Pizza Crunchers OR Pancakes W/ Syrup Sausage Links (4) Crispy Cube Potatoes 1/2 C Fresh Banana 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Feb 1</b> Pizza Stuffed Sandwich OR Italian Pasta Garlic Breadstick Caesar Salad California Blend Chilled Fruit Milk 	<b>2</b> BBQ Chicken Sandwich OR Bosco Sticks (2) With Pizza Sauce Baby Carrots & Grape Tomatoes W/ Dip Rosy Applesauce Wacky Cake Milk

Yogurt & Chef Salad offered daily as an additional choice to the main dish. Menu is subject to change when necessary.  
 This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## DEPOSIT FORM

DATE OF DEPOSIT \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY DEPOSIT ☐ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CASH ☐

THE MINIMUM DEPOSIT IS \$25.00. Checks will be accepted for the amount of deposit only. Please make checks payable to THE (Your child's school) FOOD SERVICE DEPT. Deposits also accepted online at: <https://nacs.familyportal.cloud>



# SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING EADS

**1. Why are we moving from eLearning to synchronous learning during inclement weather?**

In the event that inclement weather prevents onsite attendance, synchronous learning will provide real-time instruction and interaction between staff and students. This format will also better support the flow of learning for the content and concepts being discussed in the classroom within that specific window of time.

**2. How will students access instruction during synchronous learning days?**

Students will attend live class sessions through Google Meet. Teachers will post their Google Meet links on their Canvas pages along with all other applicable information for the day of virtual instruction.

**3. Will the number of synchronous learning days be unlimited?**

No. Should we experience severe inclement weather causing us to miss extended days of school, we will utilize traditional make-up days in conjunction with the synchronous learning days. For this reason, make-up dates have remained on our school calendar.

**4. What about children whose parent(s) must attend work during the day or who have limited access to the internet?**

Synchronous lessons/activities will be recorded and posted so that students who are unable to attend live sessions may access this information at a later time. Flexibility and extended time will be provided to students who are unable to access the live instruction.

**5. What are the times for accessing live sessions?**

**Elementary School:** 9:30 a.m. - Noon  
**Middle School:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.  
**High School:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.

(Middle and high school students will follow class schedules that mirror their normal daily schedules.)

**6. How will students with IEPs and/or ILPs be supported?**

Special education and ELL staff members will attend live sessions to support students much like they do during a day of onsite learning. Students will receive the support and services in their IEP/ILP as appropriate for the synchronous environment. Additionally, office hours will be provided in the afternoon of synchronous learning days to provide additional support to students. Students with more intensive services or modifications may be provided with alternative options for accessing services/support.

**7. Will there be additional assignments outside of the live class session times?**

It is possible that students will be assigned homework as they would during a normal day of onsite attendance. At the elementary level, instruction from missed related arts classes will be provided through short videos and/or activities.

**8. What if my child faces technical difficulties during synchronous learning?**

Parents can access technical support information through our website at <https://www.nacs.k12.in.us/parents>.

If the website does not provide the support that you need and/or you do not have an internet connection, then please call our tech office at 260-338-5320.



## Maple Creek Synchronous Learning Bell Schedule

6-8 Synchronous Virtual Learning Bell Schedule		
Period	Start	End
1	9:00	9:25
2	9:30	9:55
3	10:00	10:25
4	10:30	10:55
5	11:00	11:25
6	11:30	11:55
7	12:00	12:25
8	12:30	12:55
Lunch	1:00	1:30
Office Hours	1:30	3:40



# COOKING CLASSES AFTER SCHOOL

DATES: JAN 22 & 30, FEB 5, 13, 21, 27



SCAN ME



## THEMES:

PIZZA, BREAKFAST, NAILED IT, MYSTERY  
INGREDIENT, VALENTINE'S DAY, PASTA

[WHOLESOMEROOTSCOOKING.COM](http://WHOLESOMEROOTSCOOKING.COM)

**Jan 22-Nailed It**

**Jan 30-Protein Alfredo Pasta**

**Feb 5-Mystery Ingredient Cook Off**

**Feb 13-Valentine's Theme**

**Feb 21-Pizza**

**Feb 27-Breakfast**



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## **Who do I call if my student is sick?**

Please call the school (338-0802) by 9:00 am to report a student absence. You may also leave a message outside of office hours at 338-0802 ext. 7001. Be sure to leave your name, the student's name, and reason for absence. We encourage students to check Canvas and/or email their teachers for homework missed while absent. Official homework requests can be made to the office once the student has been absent three consecutive days.

## **What if I need to pick up my student during the school day for an appointment?**

If your student needs to miss school for an appointment, please send a note to the main office with the following information: student's name, date, time to be released, and your signature. Students are allowed to sign themselves out, however, we do not allow students to leave the building until they see their ride. The carpool line at the end of the day makes this very difficult so if you will need to pick them up between 3:30 pm and 3:40 pm please call or come into the office to let us know you have arrived. Please provide official documentation from the doctor's office immediately upon returning to school.

**Dr. Note must be provided within 3 School Days to be considered "Documented"**

## **What if we are going on vacation during the school year?**

Please notify your student's teachers as well as the main office (in writing) at least one week prior to your scheduled vacation. Students should talk to each of their teachers regarding make-up work during their absence. Assignments are due the day they return to school.

## **Before/After school drop-off/pick-up procedures.**

Please join the parent pick-up line that extends from the driveway to the parking lot closest to the football field (west lot). Students can load into cars at any point along the green line in front of the building; please continue to pull forward to the end of the sidewalk. For the safety of students, we ask that parents do not park in the lot as students are not to walk through the parking lot without an adult. If you need to pick your child up between 3:30 and dismissal, please call or come into the office to let them know you have arrived.

\*Please see the student handbook for the official attendance policy.