



July, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to welcome both new and returning students to the 2019-2020 school year at Maplebrook School. I am excited and look forward to working with you and your child during the upcoming year. Students should plan on arriving on **Sunday, September 8, 2019 after 1:00 PM.**

Maplebrook School continues to follow its mission of providing quality rigorous academic programs for students with learning differences.

An Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.) will be developed by the faculty and staff to address the specific educational needs of your child. A copy of the I.E.P. will be posted to the Report Card Maker System by **October 20, 2019.** Please take time to review the I.E.P. goals and note any recommendation for changes or additions. I.E.P. Meetings will be scheduled on **October 24, 2019** during the Parents' Weekend. If you are unable to attend the meeting please call or email to discuss any concerns you may have.

We **strongly suggest** that your child bring a laptop computer to school to assist with their academic lessons. Your child will be fully responsible for the security of their laptop computer.

Students will have the opportunity to utilize a school issued iPad during school hours only and iPads cannot leave the school building. The iPad is not insured and your child must take responsibility and care for this device. **Failure to take appropriate care of this iPad will result in a \$400.00 replacement fee.**

Maplebrook School will continue to provide some of the basic textbooks for the students; however curriculum requirements necessitate students purchase additional reading material, workbooks and occasional textbooks. These materials will be purchased and charged to your Maplebrook account. You will receive a list of the expense in October.

Students will need the following items for school:

1. A strong durable book bag or backpack.
2. Pen/Pencil case- 4 pens, 4 pencils, erasers
3. One ruler
4. Highlighters
5. Loose-leaf paper
6. Calculator-Texas Instrument TI-15 available for purchase at our school store, *The Eagle's Nest.*
7. A flash drive

Please feel free to contact me at dferrusi@maplebrookschool.org or at 845-373-9511 x 250 if you have any questions. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and I look forward to seeing you on Opening Day.

Sincerely;

Dominick L. Ferrusi, M.Ed.
Academic Dean/Principal



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Dear Parent/Guardians,

We look forward to an exciting and productive 2019-2020 school year. For your convenience, we have enclosed some common procedures, references, and key topics pertinent to you preparing your student for the school year.

Student Phone Calls & E-mail

Students may call home from either school dormitory phones or from personal cell phones. Students planning to make their calls home can do so from the dormitory phones. Phone nights are Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday and phones must be turned in no later than 9:30 PM. In order to assist students in development of their social and independent skills, we strongly recommend that you limit your phone conversations. Students bringing cell phones to campus will have them stored in their dorms for use on phone nights, for train or plane travel and for use on certain longer off-campus activities. Students on R.I.S.E. levels 4, Contract, and Contract+ have additional opportunities to have their cell phones on weekend day(s) and in the dormitories. The opportunity to send and receive e-mail is also available to all students most evenings after study hall. Students on R.I.S.E. levels 4 and above may e-mail in the dormitories on their personal computers until 9:30 PM.

Additional electronic devices for listening to music, which your student wishes to use on a regular basis, should not have Internet capabilities. This includes smart watches, gaming equipment, iPods, tablets, etc.

Dress Code Summary

We feel that more formal attire encourages a greater respect for learning, concern for ones' surroundings, and an increased self-esteem. Please be sure to review the School Uniform Policy found in this information package with your student.

Regardless of the dormitory in which your student is assigned, closet space is limited. Maplebrook furnishes the bed, dresser, and basic furniture. We do not supply linens for the beds. Students are more successful with room care responsibilities when they do not bring a lot of extra belongings. Returning students assigned to another dormitory will have any stored belongings moved to their new room.

Labeling Belongings

The labeling of clothing and equipment is **absolutely necessary**. Sewn in labels are the best and preferred for clothing. Many students bring electronics such as laptops, i-pads, i-pods, etc. To help avoid the loss of these items, we **require** that each of these items be clearly labeled with their names.

Lockboxes and/or Locking Footlockers are **required** items for each student to bring to campus. This provides the student with a lockable storage spot for their "valuables". We also strongly recommend that unnecessary or expensive electronics be left at home. We strongly encourage students to carry no more than \$20 in cash. All other funds must be put into their student bank account which can be done through the Business Office.

Snacks and Foods

The school kitchen supplies each dormitory with beverage and a snack in the evenings. Students are also welcome

to bring their own snacks; however, we do ask that they do not overstock at any given time to allow room for all students to store their food. For example, cases of food and drink will not be allowed due to limited space. The dormitories have designated food closets where snacks will be stored. In order to not attract pests, students are not allowed to have food in their bedrooms. As with their belongings, students should label their food. To assist students in maintaining nutritious eating habits, we encourage that food care-packages contain healthy choices. Please note that some Maplebrook students are highly allergic to certain tree nuts. We ask that you help us manage this issue **by not sending snack items containing nuts.**

Opening Day

Room assignments, as well as Peer Assistant Lists will be finalized in late August and be mailed to you prior to Opening Day. The residence halls open at **1:00 p.m. (11:00 a.m. for International or new students) on September 8, 2019.** Returning parents may begin arriving on Opening Day any time after 1:00 p.m. Faculty will be on hand to greet students, show them to their rooms, and help them get settled. Day students begin school on Monday; however, new day students and their parents are welcome to attend the orientation meetings scheduled for Sunday. Registration takes place in Thalheimer Hall. You are welcome to join us in the dining hall for dinner. If you do join us for dinner, we ask that parents leave after dinner so that students can be fully involved in the “getting acquainted activities” planned for early that evening.

If you have any questions regarding the dormitories or boarding school life, please feel free to contact me at (845) 373-9511 ext. 252 or bhale@maplebrookschoo.org. Enjoy the rest of your summer. We look forward to seeing you on Opening Day.

Sincerely,

Bill Hale

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Director of Boarding School Life

Regular School Uniform Policy

Boys

Pants: Plain front chino: Khaki, Black, or Blue color; in good repair, no stains or wrinkles. Proper fitting at waist and length.

Shirt: Oxford button down dress shirt; in good repair, no stains or wrinkles. Must be tucked in all the way around.

Tie: Must be neat, clean, and properly tied, students may wear a bow tie

Sport Coat: Navy Blue or Black

Belt: Leather Black or Brown plain smooth style

Socks: Black calf length

Shoes: Leather Penny loafers- brown (Boots may be worn in wet/snowy weather)

Girls

Pants: Plain front chino: Khaki, Black or Blue color: in good repair, no stains or wrinkles; Proper fitting at waist and length.

Skirts/Collared Dresses: Proper fitting at waist and must be below the knee

Shirt: Oxford button down dress shirt: in good repair, no stains or wrinkles. Must be tucked in all the way around.

Scarf: girls may wear dressy neck scarfs to accent their outfits.

Blazer: Navy Blue or Black

Belt: Leather black or brown plain smooth style

Socks: solid color calf length, stockings or tights

Shoes: leather Loafers- black or brown (Boots may be worn in wet/snowy weather)

BOYS' CLOTHING

- 3-4 Sports coats/blazers for classroom wear
1 - 2 lightweight, 2 heavy all purpose
- 12 Pairs of school trousers (khaki, cotton or corduroy with belt loops) (may not have "jean-style" back pockets) (waistband must sit at waist)
- 12 Dress shirts: collared dress shirts, worn with a tie, or turtleneck shirts
TUCK IN. Blouses without collars will not be acceptable for school dress.
- 4 Pairs of blue jeans or other casual trousers (not acceptable for classroom wear)
- 5 Pairs of athletic pants
- 8-10 Casual shirts (2 wool or flannel recommended), includes polo, rugby, sweatshirts, and t-shirts
- 14 Pairs of underwear
- 12 Pairs of socks (dark color for school wear)
- 4 Pairs of pajamas, a bathrobe and slippers
- 3 Sweaters and/or vests
- 5+ Ties
- 2 Belts (must be worn with pants that have loops)
- 1 Older shirt, pants & shoes (to wear when doing painting projects, etc.)

GIRLS' CLOTHING

- 5-6 Dresses/skirts (lightweight and winter), skirts must sit at the waist not hips.
- 8-10 Pantsuits or school slacks (khaki, cotton, or corduroy acceptable) (may not have "jean-style" back pocket or fifth pocket) (waistband must sit at waist) (no hip hugger pants)
- 12 Dress shirts: collared dress shirts or turtleneck shirts.
ALL SHIRTS MUST BE LONG ENOUGH TO
- 4 Pairs of blue jeans or other casual wear (not acceptable for classroom wear)
- 5 Pairs of athletic pants
- 8-10 Casual shirts (2 wool or flannel recommended) includes polo, rugby, sweatshirts and t-shirts
- 14 Pairs of underwear & socks, 5 bras, and 6+ pairs of pantyhose/tights/knee-highs
- 3 Sweaters, sweatshirts, and/or vests
- 4 Pairs of pajamas, nightshirts, or nightgowns and a bathrobe and slippers
- 3-4 Blazers (blazers are required class wear)
- 2 Belts (must be worn with pants that have loops)
- 1 Older shirt, pants & shoes (to wear when doing painting projects, etc.)

OUTDOOR SEASONAL ITEMS (for male and female)

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| 1 | All purpose jacket, suitable for subzero weather | 1 | Raincoat |
| 2 | Lightweight or waterproof outdoor jackets with hood | 1-2 | Ski caps or winter hats |
| 2 | Pairs of heavy winter gloves or mittens | 1 | Ski/snow suit |
| 1 | Pair of heavy underwear | 8-10 | Pairs of Bermuda shorts |
| 1 | Umbrella | 1 | Hat for sun & rain |

FOOTWEAR (for male and female)

- 2 Pairs of shoes for school (loafers, topsiders, bluchers, wallabies, bucks are acceptable); (backless clogs, moccasins, pacs and hiking boots, and dress sneakers are not acceptable for classroom wear.) Girls' dress shoes must have a reasonable heel. Sneakers in the classroom must be authorized by the student's physician.
- 2 Pairs of athletic sneakers 1 Pair of boots, suitable for snow, rain and hiking
- 1 Pair of leather top sandals (after May 1) 1 Pair of shower footwear

MISCELLANEOUS (for boys and girls)

Toothbrush/toothpaste	Comb and/or hairbrush
Soap and shampoo	Deodorant
Plastic water glass	Electric razor & shaving cream
Feminine hygiene products (for girls)	Bookbag (pens, paper, pencils)
Alarm clock	Footlocker/Lockbox (with 2 keys)
Phone card	Flashlight/Batteries
Computer UBS flash drive	Refillable water bottle

OTHER OPTIONAL ITEMS

Lock box combination or 2 keys	Bicycle and helmet*
Heavy plastic coat hangers	Hairdryer & curling iron
Writing paper, envelopes and stamps	Fan
Desk lamp/snake light	Walkman/radio/CD Player/headphones
Nightstand or stacking bins	Tennis racquet
Spare pair of any eyeglasses	Books/puzzlebooks
Horseback riding boots/helmet*	Skis/snowboard/helmet*

LINENS

- 1-2 Blankets 1 Comforter/bedspread (sleeping bags are not to be used as blankets)
- 1 Mattress pad 1-2 Bed pillows
- 4 Washcloth and towel sets 2 Sheet sets and pillowcases (Twin size)

** Please note that all clothing should have the proper fit and be worn as intended.

** All student clothing and personal property must be clearly marked or labeled with the student's name for identification purposes. This includes shoes, sneakers, bicycles, video games, all electronics

** Wash and Wear clothing is recommended. Laundry is done once a week for each student. Please do not send frayed, patched, or worn-out jeans or shirts that are see-through. Do not send clothing that needs to be hand washed or dried flat. Parents may purchase dry-cleaning and pressing services by contacting E+R Laundry and Dry Cleaning.

** Students may not bring electrical appliances other than lamps, radios, razors, fans and hair dryers. Academy students may not bring irons; supervised ironing will be arranged by staff, if needed. Please note, students are not allowed to

bring TVs.

- ** **Please do not send an overwhelming amount of belongings. Space is limited;** therefore it is imperative that the packing list is followed. Seasonal items can be brought to and from school at vacation time (winter coats are sometimes needed before Thanksgiving Vacation). Please try to replace outgrown or worn-out clothing and footgear during the breaks. Socks and underwear may also need replenishing.

- ** It is important that your child be equipped with all the safety equipment necessary for cycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, skiing, snowboarding and horseback riding. Rollerblading requires a helmet, and knee, elbow, and hand pads. Cycling, skateboarding, snowboarding, and skiing require a helmet. Horseback riding requires boots with a heel and a helmet. Maplebrook does have some school bicycles for students, who do not have their own on campus, to use.



July 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to welcome you to Maplebrook School and the Athletics Department. Many of you already know about how our school functions, but if you are new, here are some guidelines. Extracurricular activities play an important role in a student's growth and well-being. It is crucial for students to get exercise in a meaningful way. With our athletic program, we get students up and moving to keep them in healthy shape and mindful in living a healthy lifestyle.

Athletics is mandatory for all our students. Participating in athletics will help the mind focus and will increase their attention in the classroom. Through athletics we instill sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play, leadership, and improved self-esteem. This being said, we will have home and away teams so everyone will get a chance to play. Our sports schedules will be posted on our website. If there is a cancelation of a game or a change, an email will be sent.

Our school offers a wide variety of interscholastic sports from which to choose and each student must participate in one interscholastic sport per season. Our offerings include: **Fall** – Soccer, Field Hockey, Cross Country and Equestrian. **Winter** – Basketball, Cheerleading, Swimming, Volleyball, Equestrian, and Skiing on weekends. **Spring** – Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Weight and Fitness and Equestrian. Enclosed in the packing list is what clothing and equipment that your student needs no matter what sport they choose. When your student decides what sports they are going to do, they are responsible to acquire the proper equipment. The Athletic Department will inform you of what equipment may be needed prior to the start of the season. Note: when purchasing clothing and equipment, please make sure it is properly labeled with name in permanent ink.

At Maplebrook, we provide athletic uniforms other than the team jersey which is customized with their name and are able to keep after graduation. The team jersey is used for all sports and is ordered by the Athletic Department prior to their arrival in the fall. The exception is in swimming, equestrian, and skiing where students need to have their own clothes to wear. Swimmers are to purchase a black or green swim suit prior to the start of the season. The reason is to have the swim team in unison with their uniform when they compete in meets. **Any uniform that is owned by the School that is lost or damaged will be billed to the parent.**

Our equestrian and skiing programs do require an extra expense. This is due to the fees that are needed for the instructors and the facilities. Our equestrian program costs approximately \$800 per season. Riding takes place at Rivendell Riding Academy, an indoor/outdoor off-campus facility. Students ride two times a week, Wednesdays and Saturdays. A parent must sign a waiver form which indicates that the student can participate in equestrian.

Our skiing program is an option for all students in the winter. It is in addition to their elected winter sport. The cost for skiing varies depending on the equipment or lessons needed, but ranges from \$300 - \$500 for the season. Ski lessons are required for all new students to assess ability level. After the initial lesson, the coach will determine if the student needs more lessons. Skiing takes place at various facilities throughout the region. A parent must sign a waiver form which indicates that the student can participate in skiing.

If you choose to send your student with a bicycle, they must have the proper safety riding equipment and the bicycle must go through a safety inspection when being dropped off by the Athletic Department.

The beginning of the school year is just around the corner. I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you in September and are excited that you will be part of our Maplebrook family. I would be happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. Feel free to contact me at 845-373-9511, ext. 232 or abeer@maplebrookschool.org. Your input as parents is greatly appreciated. I look forward to meeting you and your family.

Sincerely,

Anthony Beer

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Athletic Director