

Welcome to Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School

Student involvement helps create a very well rounded and informed individual. Colleges look for more than just academics, they want to see involvement in extracurricular activities. Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School offers a number of activities during the school year for all students to take advantage of.

Class Advisors

Class of 2025 - TBD

Class of 2026 - Mrs. Kakule

Class of 2027 – Ms. Fink & Mrs. Kerner

Class of 2028 – Mrs. Kerner

Class Of 2029 – TBD

Class of 2030 - Ms. Madigan

Every Maple Hill student is a member of his or her grade level or class. Four Class Officers are elected each fall to help organize and communicate necessary information to class members. The class works to build cohesiveness against other classes during Spirit Week and SPUD week each year as well as strengthening the bonds within each class. Many fundraising opportunities are available to the different classes at yearly events, concession stands, class t-shirts and class sponsored social activities. Students earn money to be able to sponsor the Junior Senior Prom, the senior trip and other senior sponsored activities. Come and bring your ideas to the table of what social and recreational activities to have at MHHS.

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MAPLE HILL JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Cross Country

Boys & Girls Varsity
Boys & Girls 7/8

Track & Field

Boys & Girls Varsity
Boys & Girls 7/8

Soccer

Boys & Girls JV/Varsity
Boys & Girls 7/8

Tennis

Boys & Girls Varsity

Volleyball

Girls JV/Varsity

Basketball

Boys & Girls JV/ Varsity
Boys & Girls 7/8

Softball

Girls JV/Varsity
Girls 7/8

Baseball

Boys JV/Varsity
Boys 7/8

Wrestling

Boys Varsity
Boys 7/8

Indoor Track

Boys & Girls Varsity

Lacrosse

Boys Varsity

Bowling

Boys & Girls Varsity

Golf

Boys Varsity

Junior HS Clubs—Grades 7-8

Newspaper

Advisor: *TBD*

Students write about school and outside events and topics. They also work on the layout and design of the paper using Google Docs. Some students contribute throughout the school year while others submit one-time articles about particular events such as school sports seasons, special school events, activities of extra-curricular clubs, etc. The newspaper publishes 4 issues each school year.

Student Council

Advisor: *Mrs. Sweet & Mr. Mastracy*

The purpose of Student Council is to have members of the student body help promote school spirit and leadership among students. Council members will demonstrate leadership qualities by serving as good examples of behavior through their words and actions. Members participate in approved activities, which will serve to enhance the quality of both the physical and behavior environment of the school.

National Junior Honor Society

Advisor: *Mr. Mastracy*

Each year, the NJHS members each complete 10 hours of service to help their communities. Time, efforts, and money were given to local organizations such as The Anchor and the Castleton Library. The students also choose to complete their hours to benefit national organizations as well.

SADD Club

Advisor: *Ms. Fitzsimmons*

SADD is a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization. The purpose of Students Against Destructive Decisions is to inform, educate, support and empower young people to make positive decisions and choices in their lives. The SADD Club for Middle School students, promotes positive thinking and decision making by sponsoring theme days each month. The theme sends a positive message to each middle school student and allows a fun activity for all to participate.

Jazz Band

Advisor: *Mr. Streeter*

The Junior Jazz Band is open to all seventh and eighth grade students. The band rehearses once a week after school throughout the school year and performs 3-5 times during the year.

Builders Club

Advisor: *Mrs. Tubbs*

Builders Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis, and works on community service projects throughout the year. It fosters student leadership and provides students with opportunities to decide on club projects.

Open Source Computer Club

Advisor: *Mr. Finney*

The Open-Source Computer Club is an active hands-on club. Members will learn about computer parts and what makes a computer work. We will rebuild a computer and from the case up. Club members will also investigate open-source software. This activity is perfect for the computer gamer!

GSA-Middle School

Advisor: *Ms. Oligny*

The GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) advocates for equality among people of all genders, races, and sexualities. At the meetings we will discuss how to campaign in our school, community, nation, and the world to ensure that each and every human has the same rights and privileges as the next. The Maple Hill GSA will take part in fundraisers, community service activities for local equality groups, and engaging in Gay Pride month and a variety of GLSEN programs. Meetings will be mostly discussion based where people can freely ask questions and together as a group we can discuss equality related issues in the school, community, and nation and how we will work together to reduce the amount of racism, sexism, and homophobia around us. We try to meet after school once a month.

JR/SR HS Clubs—Grades 7-12

Yearbook

Advisor: *Mrs. Kakule & Mrs. Racz*

The yearbook staff is involved with all aspects of producing the yearbook. Meetings are held during advisory and after school. Members participate by selling ads, taking pictures, organizing sections, design and layout of each page, and distribution of yearbooks. Tech staffers, once trained, may work remotely at their convenience. Staff members delight in capturing concrete reminders of great memories.

Art Club

Advisor: *Mrs. Kerner*

Art Club is an extracurricular program which helps to enrich student's artistic skills, knowledge, creativity, and problem solving capabilities. While in Art Club you will be exploring with many different art materials and projects including but not limited to: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Printmaking, Mask Making, Book making, etc.

Performing Arts

Advisor: *Mrs. Maier*

Performing Arts students put on a production each year. Auditions are required for the casting of parts for the production, but it is open to all and every person gets a part. Staff positions include: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Rehearsals include working on the current play and improvisational exercises to help newcomers become comfortable in their parts.

ESports (Fall and Spring)

Advisor: *Mr. Mastracy & Mr. Finney*

Maple Hill ESports provides competitive and noncompetitive gaming opportunities for Rocket League, Mario Kart, Farmcraft, and Super Smash Brothers. Through teamwork, communication, and critical thinking, participants will not only enhance their gaming abilities but also foster valuable life skills. Join Maple Hill ESports and immerse yourself in the exciting world of competitive gaming!

Book Club

Advisor: *Mr. Hanrahan*

Book Club members will read books and meet regularly to share their thoughts about what they've read. Special topics may include different genres, award winning books, or free choice books. If you like to read, please join us!

Ski Club

Advisor: *Mrs. Kerner*

The purpose of Maple Hill's ski club is to allow students to enjoy Friday nights throughout the winter by snowboarding or skiing with their friends. Every Friday night, for seven weeks, students ski at Jiminy Peak in Massachusetts. Cost of ski club varies from year to year depending on the number of students attending, the bus, and the mountain. Students can either bring their own equipment, or rent it from Jiminy Peak. If interested in joining ski club listen for announcements early in the school year.

International Club

Advisor: *Ms. Oligny & Ms. Chaney*

International Club is open to any student who is interested in learning about different cultures of the world. Meetings are usually held every other week, alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday. To accommodate Votec students, meetings can be held during Advisory. Activities include: fundraising to support cultural trips (Canada & Europe), partnering with Southern Rensselaer County Rotary Club in their student exchange program, fun, food and so much more!

Terra II Recycling Club

Advisor: *Mr. Austin*

Students learn about the importance of recycling and will increase their and others awareness of waste creation. Students will participate in activities to promote and encourage recycling as well as going into classrooms once a week to pull and sort the recyclables.

JR/SR HS Clubs—Grades 7-12 Continued

Maple Hill Guitar Club

Advisor: *Mr. Iwanos*

The Guitar Club is a rock band. We are made up of drummers, bass players, singers and of course guitar players. You will learn how to play as a member of a rock band. We will help you grow as an artist as well as improve on your individual instrument. We will perform at the variety show and usually at a few other events throughout the school year, such as the Art Show, and the CES Gala. We also will work on writing songs as a group and songwriting skills in general. We meet on the stage in the auditorium at 2:00 Tuesdays.

Textile Arts Club

Advisor: *Ms. Fink*

Students are welcome to explore fiber arts (such as crocheting, knitting and weaving) and other textile crafts. Students aim to use this time to learn a new skill or strengthen their current skills. They gather with like-minded peers across grades 7-12 in a calm environment and enjoy their craft.

HS Clubs—Grades 9-12

Newspaper—Pawprint

Advisor: *Ms. Fink*

HS Newspaper Club offers student writers a chance to try their hand at the publishing world! Under the direction of our student Editors-in Chief, the Pawprint is published five times a year- including special editions for the holidays and graduation. The Pawprint Newspaper consists of articles, reviews, surveys, and interviews by Newspaper student staff reporters. We also welcome creative writers to spotlight their work and for artists to showcase their photography, drawings, or paintings. All 9-12 students are invited to join!

Student Council

Advisor: *Mr. Hanrahan*

The purpose of Student Council is to have members of the student body be the voice for students in the school. Any student can be a member of Student Council. Student Council has meetings to discuss school policies, promote school spirit, and find ways to be actively involved in the school community. Student Council sponsors the back to School Dance, Spirit Week, Bonfire, Eat Your Heart Out Contest, Food Drives, and other events throughout the year. There are several elected positions in Student Council.

Key Club

Advisor: *Ms. Fink*

Key club is dedicated to providing community service opportunities for our members. We pride ourselves in lending a helping hand to our school and local community. Our club also provides leadership opportunities via club offices and committee leaders. Some of our annual and past activities include: Adopt-a-Highway, Bell for Life, a senior citizen prom, and various fund-raising activities for charitable organizations.

SADD

Advisor: *TBD*

SADD is a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions; particularly underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide. The purpose of Students Against Destructive Decisions is to heighten awareness and inform, educate, support and empower young people to make positive decisions and choices in their lives. SADD members meet twice a month where they plan for activities for the upcoming months. SADD sponsors the annual Snow Ball, After Prom Party and Pre-Prom activities, and the All Night Party which is held every other year.

HS Clubs—Grades 9-12 Continued

GSA

Advisor: *Mrs. Lattimore*

The GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) advocates for equality among people of all genders, races, and sexualities. At the meetings we will discuss how to campaign in our school, community, nation, and the world to ensure that each and every human has the same rights and privileges as the next. The Maple Hill GSA will take part in fundraisers, community service activities for local equality groups, and engaging in Gay Pride month and a variety of GLSEN programs. Meetings will be mostly discussion based where people can freely ask questions and together as a group we can discuss equality related issues in the school, community, and nation and how we will work together to reduce the amount of racism, sexism, and homophobia around us. We try to meet after school once a month.

Scenery Club—Performance Arts

Advisor: *Mrs. Maier*

Interested in Drama, but don't want to be on stage performing? Scenery club is for you! Help make the drama production come to life by creating and designing the set. Scenery club members work as a team to paint flats, create props and build structures. Then we set the stage for the performers to work on. Hardworking, respectful, responsible and dedicated students who work well in groups are needed!

Stage Band/Jazz Ensemble

Advisor: *Mr. Hanrahan*

Jazz band includes saxophones, trumpets, trombones, percussion, guitar, bass, and piano. Jazz band is an audition group depending on instrumentation and holds about 20 people. Practices are held once a week from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Jazz Band puts on more performances during the year than the regular band, and also perform at concerts.

Swing Choir

Advisor: *Mrs. Gibney*

Swing Choir is a small, select group of students who are chosen through an audition process. To continue your position in the choir you cannot have more than three unexcused absences from rehearsals. Rehearsals are held Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm. Swing choir prepares several songs throughout the year and performs in the winter and spring concerts.

National Honor Society

Advisor: *Mrs. Krug & Mr. Marino*

The purpose of National Honor Society is to reach out to the local and global community to aid or support many causes. Juniors and Seniors that are academically eligible may submit an activity form and essay in order to be considered for membership. A council of faculty members reviews the activity forms and selects the members on the basis of each student's scholarship, leadership, service and character. There is a fall and spring evaluation period. Previously, NHS assisted in the Ride for Missing Children, sponsored two Red Cross Bloodmobiles, shopped for a family through the Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas, and worked doing clean-up for Equinox at Thanksgiving. NHS also sponsored the Halloween Dance and Spring Fling and our members offer tutoring services for underclassmen.

Science Olympiad

Advisors: *TBD*

Students compete with 20 different schools in 18 different science related activities. Students take knowledge based tests, work on inventions, and build structures. They compete at a local college over an intense weekend. Top teams go on to compete at the state level.

HS Clubs—Grades 9-12 Continued

Literary Magazine Club

Advisor: *TBD*

Literary Magazine Club is for a students interested in showcasing their creative side! We create an online publication complete with poetry, short stories, drawings, paintings, and photography. Members can provide submissions, help edit and revise, and assist with publication. Creating submissions is not a requirement for membership, and you do not have to be a member of the club to create submissions, although we would love to have you!

Sports Clay Trap Club (Fall & Spring)

Advisor:

The co-curricular activity involves a partnership between the school and the Castleton Fish and Game Club, offering students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to learn about range safety, take the hunter safety course, and compete nationally in Clay Trap tournaments. The practices and competitions are held at the Castleton Fish and Game Club, with scores entered in a database weekly to be ranked against teams in the grouping. Students meet 1-2 times per week to participate in shooting at the game club.

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