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# Tiger Times December 2017

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## Irving Middle School

**Principal: Ms. Hassan**

**Assistant Principal: Mr. Mahone**

**Dean of Students: Ms. Vaughns**

**Dean of Students: Mr. Durry**

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and ,

Happy December! I wish you a restful winter break and hope you enjoy this time with your children and family.

November is always a busy time for our students and staff. November's events included the book fair, parent conferences, and our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual high school fair and high school day. We had many 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students attend the fair and leave with information that they could be heard sharing with their peers the very next day. We are also appreciative of the 59 high school students who came and participated as guest speakers in our high school day. They left a very lasting impression on Irving students and reaffirmed all of the key ideas about successfully preparing and transitioning into high school.

We would like to ensure all 8<sup>th</sup> graders aspiring to attend Proviso Math and Science Academy (PMSA) have submitted the application and all the requirements to us by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> before we leave for break (please see page 2 for detailed info).

During winter break, there are opportunities to continue to support your child's academic growth and success. Students can log onto [www.thelearningodyssey.com](http://www.thelearningodyssey.com) to engage in online learning. Please make sure your child is reading 60+ minutes and practicing math for 60 minutes every day.

The holidays are good times for story telling around the dinner table or reading to cultivate connections between home and school expectations. I encourage you to prepare your child for the return to school on January 8<sup>th</sup> by instilling an understanding about the importance of being well rested and ready to learn. Happy holidays from our Irving Middle School family to yours.

Best

Ms. Hassan

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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday  
December 21<sup>st</sup>** Winter MAP  
Assessments: Reading, Math & Science

**Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Early Dismissal Days, 1:30 pm

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm**  
8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to PMSA open  
house

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Irving's PMSA postmark day (the day  
that we will take applications over to  
Proviso Math and Science Academy)

**December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Winter Break

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
School Resumes

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## Announcements

- Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am is the last day to take the PMSA test at PMSA. Call 708-338-4100 for more info.
- Check parent portal daily to keep track of your child's progress.
- Check out our Facebook page and like it to receive important messages or updates.
- Your help is needed in making sure that your child is arriving to school on time at 7:55 am. When a child comes in late, not only is valuable class time missed, it is disruptive to his or her classmates.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Corner – Class of 2018

We are honored to support your child in the aspiration to attend the high school of choice.

Proviso Math & Science Academy applications are due to us on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will ensure all of the aspects of the application are in a packet and submitted. Please make sure your child:

- 1) Completes the application
- 2) Took the PSAT (this was administered at school on 10/25) or made up at a Proviso High School
- 3) Takes the Naglieri non-verbal ability test & essay – the last test date is on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at PMSA
- 4) Obtains letters of recommendation from a math and a science teacher

We will print out the transcripts and deliver them with the application. Please see the actual application for more details regarding the process. The application is available on our website and in our school office. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Durry at 708-450-2015 or [Adrian.durry@maywood89.org](mailto:Adrian.durry@maywood89.org).

## Communication

Access District 89 Information & the Monthly Newsletter

<http://www.maywood89.org>

School Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/irvingschool/>

Parent Portal: <https://powerschool.maywood89.org/public/>

## Monthly Expectations/Goals

- 97% Attendance School-Wide (Present Daily)
- Students in Full Uniform EVERY DAY
- Students On-Time (arrival between 7:35 am and 7:50 am)
- 3.0 GPA- Completion of All Classwork/Homework Assignments
- No Referrals or Disciplinary Issues
- 100% of students meet growth target on MAP/NWEA
- 100% student participation in at least one club/activity

## In the Community

### Maywood Library Hours

**Mon. and Wed**

12:00 - 7:00 pm

**Tues. & Thurs.**

12:00 - 5:30 pm

**Saturday**

9:00 - 5:30 pm

**Fri., Sun., and Holidays Closed**

### Maywood Park District Hours

**Mon-Fri**

9 am - 5 pm

**Saturday**

10 am - 4 pm

**Sunday**

CLOSED

## IRVING MIDDLE SCHOOL - DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Boys Basketball Game Stevenson Vs Irving (Away) JV-4pm, V-5pm	5 MAP Reading  Early Dismissal 1:30 PM Teacher Institute	6 MAP READING  Boys Basketball Game Northlake Vs Irving (Home) JV-4pm, V-5pm	7 MAP READING  Boys Basketball Game Irving (Away) Vs Heritage Summit JV- 4pm, V-5pm	8 MAP READING  Irving Dance 2:30 – 3:45 pm (Special Invite Only)
11 Map Reading - out of uniform for students who achieved MAP growth only  Boys Basketball Game Julian Vs Irving (Away) JV-4pm, V-5pm	12 MAP Math  Early Dismissal 1:30 PM Teacher Institute	13 MAP Math  Boys Basketball Game Brooks Vs Irving (Home) JV-4PM, V-5pm	14 MAP Math  Boys Basketball Game MacArthur Vs Irving (Away) JV-4pm, V-5pm	15 MAP Math
18 Map MATH - out of uniform for students who achieved MAP growth only  MAP Science  Boys Basketball Game Unity Vs Irving (Away) JV-4pm, V-5pm	19 MAP Science  Early Dismissal 1:30 PM Teacher Institute  Boys Basketball Game Irving (Away) Vs Heritage Berwyn JV- 4pm, V-5pm	20 MAP Science  Boys Basketball Game Irving (Away) Vs Stevenson JV-4pm, V-5pm	21 MAP Science  Boys Basketball Game Lincoln Vs Irving (Last Home Game) JV-4PM, V- 5pm	22 Map Science - out of uniform for students who achieved MAP growth only
25 <b>Winter Break</b>	26 <b>Winter Break</b>	27 <b>Winter Break</b>	28 <b>Winter Break</b>	29 <b>Winter Break</b>
<p><b>Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Irving's PMSA postmark day</b> (the day that we will take the applications over to PMSA)</p> <p><b>Please Save the Date! Winter Break December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup>.</b></p> <p><b>School Resumes on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018!!!</b></p> <p>*Game dates, times, and locations are subject to change.</p>				

## After School Activities\*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Prep</u></b> Sambou 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm</p> <p>Maeweather &amp; Rio 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm</p> <p>Moore 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm</p> <p><b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Study Hall</u></b> Gonzalez 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm</p> <p><b><u>Encore/Auxiliary Study Hall</u></b> Moskal 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Kerndl 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Abraham (By Appt.)</p> <p><b><u>After-School Clubs</u></b> Chess Club 2:45 pm- 3:45 pm</p> <p>Digital Storytelling Club 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm</p> <p>IMSA Fusion 2:45 pm – 4:30 pm</p>		<p><b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Prep</u></b> Owens 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm</p> <p>Boundroukas 2:45 – 3:45 pm</p> <p><b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Study Hall</u></b> Billups, Gonzalez &amp; Griffin 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm</p> <p>Phelps &amp; Sergeant 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm</p> <p><b><u>Encore/Auxiliary Study Hall</u></b> Moskal 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Abraham (By Appt.)</p> <p><b><u>After-School Clubs</u></b> Art Club 2:45 pm- 3:45 pm</p> <p>Chess Club 2:45 pm- 3:45 pm</p> <p>Irving Tigerettes 2:45 pm -3:45 pm</p> <p>Dream Program 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm</p>	<p><b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Prep</u></b> Barnett 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm</p> <p>Delgado 2:45 – 3:45 pm</p> <p><b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Study Hall</u></b> Billups 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm</p> <p>Matheson 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm</p> <p><b><u>Encore/Auxiliary Study Hall</u></b> Moskal 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Abraham (By Appt.)</p> <p><b><u>After-School Clubs</u></b> Connecting With Crafts 2:45 pm – 3:35 pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm</p> <p>Irving Tigerettes 2:45 pm -3:45 pm</p> <p>Gaming Club 2:45 pm – 4:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Prep</u></b> Ramirez – 2:45 - 3:45 pm</p> <p><b><u>Encore/Auxiliary Study Hall</u></b> Abraham (By Appt.)</p> <p><b><u>After-School Clubs</u></b> Poetry Club 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm</p>
	<p><b>Additional Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Student ambassadors</li> <li>❖ Irving Tigerettes</li> <li>❖ Cheerleading</li> <li>❖ Student Council</li> <li>❖ Student Vs. Staff Game Teams</li> <li>❖ Tutoring</li> <li>❖ *Dates and times are subject to change</li> </ul>			