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Dear Community Members,

Congratulations to the 162 graduates in St. Anthony Village High School's Class of 2017! The mission of our school district is to educate, prepare, and inspire a community of lifelong learners. We are grateful for families, neighbors, and friends who, in multiple ways, serve as role models and support the growth of our students. Through that support, we are proud of the leadership, gifts and talents our students share with and contribute to our community.



Young families continue to move into our community for our schools. In the 2016-2017 school year, 705 students attended Wilshire Park Elementary School and 94% were residents. Our district closed open enrollment at Wilshire Park three years ago and our resident enrollment continues to increase. From 2012 to 2016, our resident student enrollment in grades K-5 at Wilshire Park increased from 76% to 94% and, in grades K-12, increased from 59% to 72%. Enrollment of resident students at Wilshire Park has increased and is projected to range from 795 to 963 in the 2025-2026 school year.

Our School Board passed a resolution on March 21, 2017, to hold a Special Election on Thursday, September 7, 2017. The ballot contains one question which asks voters to consider a bond referendum for \$14,060,000 for additional classrooms at Wilshire Park. Learn more about the referendum on pages 2 and 3.

Our school district remains in positive financial health. For the sixth consecutive year, St.



Valedictorians Victoria Peluf and Jordan DeWester address their peers in the Class of 2017 at graduation on Friday, June 9, 2017.

Anthony-New Brighton School District received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. St. Anthony-New Brighton School District was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely, Robert Laney, Superintendent

September 7, 2017 Referendum Q & A

Why is the school district hosting a Special Election on September 7?

The School Board passed a resolution on March 21, 2017 to hold a special election seeking voter approval of a ballot question authorizing the issuance of \$14,060,000 in general obligation school building bonds for Wilshire Park Elementary School. A September election allows our school district to attract more competitive bids for the project, obtain lower interest rates on the bonds, begin the project in Fall 2017, and allow completion by September 2018 to accommodate our increasing resident student enrollment.

What does the proposed plan include?

The proposed plan includes eight new classrooms and renovated learning spaces, a secure entrance and office, enhanced bus loading and unloading area, additional bathrooms, gymnasium, and expanded seating in the cafeteria.

I thought there was a plan to construct classrooms on the east side of the building and construction was scheduled to start in March 2017. What happened?

With increasing resident student enrollment at Wilshire Park, our District engaged in an expedited process to construct additional



classrooms at Wilshire Park with the goal to have classrooms ready by September of 2017. In the process to prepare the east side of the building for construction, soil testing occurred in late December. The soil assessment indicated soil would need to be corrected or a different foundation would need to be constructed to support the addition; therefore, increasing the projected cost by approximately \$500,000. Administration reviewed the construction budget and determined the increased cost could not be absorbed within the funding structure (lease levy authority) without significantly reducing the number of classrooms which are needed to serve our increasing enrollment of resident students.

Families are moving into our community. How is that impacting our schools?

As young families move into our school district, our enrollment of resident students is increasing. Enrollment of resident students at Wilshire Park has increased and is projected to range from 795 to 963 in the 2025-2026 school year. In the 2016-2017 school year, 705 students attended Wilshire Park and 94% were residents. From October 2012 to 2016, the resident student population in grades K-5 at Wilshire Park increased from 76% to 94% and, in grades K-12, increased from 59% to 72%. Our District closed open enrollment at Wilshire Park before the 2014-2015 school year. In September 2017, 100% of students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grades will be resident students. The school

+ Enrollment at Wilshire Park

St.	Anthony DEPENDENT SCHO	New Brighton SCHOOL DISTRICT 282	
nt	Non Resident	Percentage of	

School Year	Resident Students	Non Resident Students	Percentage of Residents
2012-13	480	150	76%
2013-14	546	143	79%
2014-15	596	104	85%
2015-16	634	65	91%
2016-17	661	44	94%

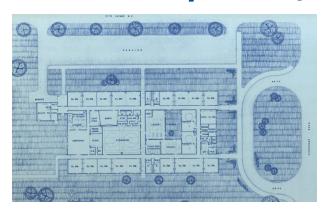
Open Enrollment was closed at Wilshire Park in 2014-2015

district established enrollment targets for each grade level and utilizes a lottery system for accepting open enrollment applications when space is available in a specific grade. As our resident student population increases, however, our ability to accept open enrollment applicants is also decreasing in grades 6-12.

What is the plan for a school age care room at Wilshire Park?

Children enrolled in our district's before and after school program are transported by bus to and from St. Anthony Community Services. By hosting the school age care program at Wilshire Park, our District can save approximately \$20,000 in transportation costs. Students in our school age care program are served from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:35 to 6:00 p.m. The classroom will be used for band lessons, gifted and talented programs and other student support programs during the school day.

September 7, 2017 Referendum Q & A



What is the history of additions at Wilshire Park?

Wilshire Park was built in 1967 (original blueprint at left) and, in 50 years, the community voted in support of two additions. In 1994, our community supported a bond referendum to add the multipurpose room, fifth grade classrooms, and media center. In 2008, our community supported a bond referendum to construct the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) lab at Wilshire Park.

What has been the history of the District's tax rates?

The School Board is committed to keeping property taxes as stable as possible. In an effort to keep property taxes stable, the School Board refinanced existing bonds and the lower interest rate results in savings of approximately \$230,000 a year for our taxpayers beginning in 2018.

How do I learn more about the referendum?

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is hosting one-on-one meetings for residents to learn more about increasing resident enrollment and its impact on space at Wilshire Park. If interested in attending a meeting, please contact Wendy Webster at 612-706-1170.



Where do I vote?

Visit www.mnvotes.org to register to vote, find where to vote, vote absentee, and view the sample ballot.

If I vote in favor of the question, what will the impact be to me as a property taxpayer?

The estimated annual tax impact on a home with an estimated market value of \$225,000 is \$146.37.

Types of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Annual Tax Impact
Residential Homestead	\$50,000	\$21.11
	100,000	50.53
	125,000	69.67
	150,000	88.88
	175,000	108.02
	200,000	127.23
	225,000	146.37
	250,000	165.58
	275,000	184.72
	300,000	203.93
	350,000	242.28
	400,000	280.63
	500,000	351.85
Commercial / Industrial	\$250,000	\$299.07
	500,000	650.92
	1,000,000	1,354.61
	2,000,000	2,761.99

What does the Ballot Question look like?

Special Election Ballot

Independent School District No. 282 (St. Anthony-New Brighton)

September 7, 2017

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

School District Question 1 Approval of School District Bond Issue

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Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 282 (St. Anthony-New Brighton) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,060,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction of an addition to and the renovation, remodeling and equipping of the Wilshire Park Elementary School site and facility?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.









AAA Award Winners



Congratulations to **Jordan DeWester** and **Marcus Bradt**, seniors at St. Anthony Village High School, for their selection as the 2017 Triple "A" (Academics, Arts, Athletics) Award recipients. The Minnesota State High School League's Triple "A" Award recognizes and honors one female and one male senior from each high school who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the fine arts. DeWester and Bradt represented St. Anthony Village High School at a Triple "A" banquet in March.



EXCEL Award Winners



Congratulations to **Bissie Tadesse** and **Ames Olson**, juniors at St. Anthony Village High School, for their selection as ExCEL Award recipients. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, the ExCEL award recognizes high school juniors who are active in school activities and demonstrate excellence in community, education, and leadership.



Athena Award Winner



Bonnie Zeller, a senior at St. Anthony Village High School, is the 2017 recipient of the Athena Award, which recognizes an outstanding female athlete from each high school. During her high school career, Zeller was a three-sport athlete participating in volleyball, basketball, and track and field.



St. Anthony Village High School's Robo Huskies team was recognized at the June 6, 2017 School Board meeting for participating in two regional competitions. Pictured are (back row) Jordan DeWester, Marcus Bradt, Will Hagen, Stuart Scamehorn, (front row) advisor Jeanne Hugill and Grace Onken.



Dare 2 Be Real, a student leadership group at St. Anthony Village High School which aims to build an inclusive culture in our schools, curriculum, and community that embraces our diverse city, was recognized at the June 6, 2017 School Board meeting. Pictured are (back row) Tenzin Bhuti, Azariah Yonas, Alexa Beguhl, Sabine Benda, Jorge Bautista, Advisor Andy Kastenberg, (front row) David Elias and Nimo Hashi.

Top 10 Students in St. Anthony Village High School's Class of 2017



Marcus Bradt Jodi and Stuart Bradt



Anders Dahl Angela Larson-Dahl and Scott Dahl



Jordan DeWester Valedictorian Jennifer and Dirk **DeWester**



David Elias Anketse Berhanu and Elias Eyasu



Kia Kivi Linda Sawocka Kivi and Jim Kivi



James Klaesges Christine & Andrew Klaesges



Joseph Nogosek Kim & Chris Nogosek



Valedictorian Ellen French & Thomas Peluf



Salutatorian Julie Smith



& Andy Smith



Salutatorian Renee & Eric Wicklund



Congratulations to Jordan DeWester, a senior at St. Anthony Village High School, for her recognition as a **National Merit** Scholarship Program Commended Student. Last year, 1.6 million students took the Preliminary SAT test and commended

students, such as DeWester, scored in the top 3% of all students who took the test. DeWester received a Letter of Commendation in recognition of her outstanding academic promise from the National Merit Scholarship Program.

St. Anthony Village High School **Named One of Best High Schools**



St. Anthony Village Senior High

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#681 in National Rankings | College Readiness Score 50.9/100.0

St. Anthony Village High School was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best high schools in the nation. The 2017 Best High Schools rankings identified St. Anthony Village High School as a silver medal winner. Since 2012, St. Anthony Village High School has been recognized five times by U.S. News & World Report as one of America's Best High Schools.

Youth Day at the Capitol





Students from St. Anthony Middle School participated in Youth Day at the Capitol on March 21, 2017. Sponsored by Minnesota Alliance with Youth, the event provided training on advocacy, leadership and civic engagement opportunities for youth to participate in the legislative process. Student participants from St. Anthony Middle School and teacher Julie North met with Senator Carolyn Laine and Representative Mary Kunesh-Podein.

Nutrition Services Introduced Minnesota Thursday





St. Anthony-New Brighton School District recognizes that a school environment which supports healthy eating and physical activity also promotes students' health, well-being, and ability to learn. Introduced on Thursday, March 2, Nutrition Services began offering a local menu which serves as many items as possible from within a 300-mile radius. The first local menu featured Ferndale Market Turkey Hot Dogs from Cannon Falls, MN alongside homemade coleslaw using cabbage from Jim Mares & Sons in Bear Creek, WI and milk from Agropur from Minnesota and Wisconsin cows.

Best Wishes to Our 2017 Retirees



Darla Frantz St. Anthony Middle School 8 years



Vicki Wymore St. Anthony Middle School 25 years



Gail Lusvardi Wilshire Park Elementary 20 years



Jean Volna Wilshire Park Elementary 30 years



Nora Hoaglund Wilshire Park Elementary 22 years



Lynn Anderson District Technology Coordinator 30 years

Mr. Springman Recognized as Teacher of the Week by KS95



Scott Springman, a fourth grade teacher at Wilshire Park, was recognized as Teacher of the Week by KS95 radio station. A fourth grader and her mom recommended Mr. Springman for the honor as a way to thank him for tutoring her twice a week during lunch. Mr. Springman was presented with a plaque by representatives from KS95 at a school assembly.









Wilshire Park hosted Wellness Week to encourage students to try new foods. On Try it Tuesday, students could taste a rainbow of fruits and vegetables at lunch and, if they tried three, they received a sticker. On Taste Test Thursday, students tried a new recipe at lunch and rated the meal: "Like it", "Love it", or "Don't like it yet".

K-Kids Collect Supplies for Ronald McDonald House

K-Kids is a service club for fifth grade students at Wilshire Park Elementary. This spring, K-Kids organized and promoted a school-wide food and supply drive for the Ronald McDonald House. Students sorted, counted, and packaged the items before they were delivered. In addition to this project, K-Kids also volunteered at St. Anthony Health Care Center and Feed My Starving Children.





Wilshire Park Welcomes Author Marian Hassan

Wilshire Park Elementary School welcomed children's author Marian Hassan to an Equity night on May 1. Hassan's theme for the evening was expanding the circle and using books to expand the lenses through which children see the world. As a writer, Ms. Hassan's love of literature began at an early age as she listened to relatives tell Somali tales, a natural backdrop of the rich oral culture of her native Somalia. She is the author of bilingual children's books: *Bright Star, Blue Sky* and *Dhegdheer, A Scary Somali Folktale*.

Early Childhood Programs at St. Anthony Community Services

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District provides high quality early childhood programs at St. Anthony Community Services including Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), half day preschool, and all day preschool classes at St. Anthony Community Center. Our early childhood teachers collaborate with kindergarten teachers to ensure children are prepared academically and socially when they begin kindergarten at Wilshire Park Elementary School.

St. Anthony Community Services Preschool is one of only two Four Star rated programs in St. Anthony. "To earn a Four Star Rating, programs are excelling in the use of best practices in preparing kids for kindergarten," as stated on the Parent Aware website.

	BIRTH-2 YEARS	3 YEARS	4 YEARS	5 YEARS		
ı	Early Learning	Pre-K	Pre-K	Kindergarten		
11	PLAY & LEAR The Landings Tuesdays 2:30-3:30pm	N TOGETHER (Autumn Woods Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm	Parents & Children) Diamond 8 Terrace Thursdays 10:00-10:45an	FREE		
	ECFE or HOM	E VISITS (Classe	s for Parents & Child	ren)		
	FAMILY LEAR	NING (Parents & C	hildren learning Eng	lish) FREE		
Free Classes (Classes to prepare			: Half Day or A children for Kinderg			
5	Free Transportation Scholarships Available	EARLY CHILI	OHOOD SCREE	ENING*		
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Welcoming Parents and Children to Our Community



St. Anthony-New Brighton School District's Early Childhood Family Education program hosted a Baby Brunch on Saturday, March 25, 2017. In partnership with the St. Anthony Library, Ehsan Alem, youth librarian, and Val Anderson, parent and family educator, welcomed nine babies and their parents to our school district community. From April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, 90 babies were born in St. Anthony-New Brighton School District.



Family Learning Program at St. Anthony Community Services

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District provides free English language classes for parents and children in our community. The Family Learning Program includes free classes for parents who want to learn English and early childhood learning for their children ages 6 weeks to five years of age. Improve your English skills and help your child be successful in school.

September 11, 2017-May 24, 2018 • Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays • 1:00-3:00 p.m.



St. Anthony Community Center 3301 Silver Lake Road

Call Priscilla at 612-706-1185 to register and schedule your English test.

We provide transportation to families who live in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District.



Preschool Programs at St. Anthony Community Services

Half Day Preschool and All Day Preschool provide the social and academic experiences necessary to prepare children for kindergarten in a creative, age-appropriate atmosphere that allows young children to explore and learn. Half Day Preschool and All Day Preschool programs are conveniently located in the St. Anthony Community Center and utilize the large indoor gym and outdoor playground equipment. Registration is ongoing. Children must be toilet trained to begin preschool. Contact Community Services at 612-706-1166.



HALF DAY PRESCHOOL (MORNING OR AFTERNOON)

Children three years old by September 1, 2017 attend the Tuesday/ Thursday morning or afternoon program. Children four years old by September 1, 2017 attend the Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning or afternoon program. Preschool follows the Wilshire Park school calendar.

3-4 year olds • Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. \$130 per month

4-5 year olds • Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. \$178 per month

ALL DAY PRESCHOOL

All Day Preschool operates year round and children must be three to five years of age and toilet trained to attend.

Full Time 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. \$215 per week

Preschool Registration for 2017-2018 School Year

Children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2017, can attend preschool in the 2017-2018 school year.

Scholarships and transportation are available to qualifying families who are residents of

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District.

Please call 612-706-1166 for information.

Parents may register online at www.isd282.org/cs



The preschool programs at St. Anthony Community Services were awarded a Four Star Rating by Parent Aware in 2013, a voluntary program coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Office of Early Learning. To receive a Four Star Rating—the highest possible—St. Anthony Community Services demonstrated its quality early education programs and use of best practices to support school readiness.







St. Anthony Community Services hosted three family nights for parents and children birth to age five. Families engaged in service projects in November; Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) focused activities in February, and explored food, music, art, and languages at a Cultural Family night in April.

Building Community, Respect Across Differences

The vision of the St. Anthony New Brighton Family Services Collaborative is to develop healthy, well-adjusted youth, supported by informed and caring families in a welcoming and concerned community. The St. Anthony New Brighton Family Services Collaborative recognized that, in order to achieve our vision, we needed to take proactive steps to become a place where every resident has access to a high standard of living, where all families and children feel welcome and are accepted for who they are, and where we appreciate differences in cultural, racial, and national identities as a rich foundation for growth that serves us all.



In November 2016, St. Anthony New Brighton Family Services Collaborative developed a partnership with Racial Equity Minnesota to build a long-term community engagement process around racial equity and racial justice. During the past four months, we hosted twelve community meetings with youth and adults to understand how race impacts our residents in our community.

Our goal is to mobilize the St. Anthony community to work together to build community, cohesion and a shared vision for equity and growth.

St. Anthony New Brighton Family Services Collaborative is committed to building a grassroots process that respects all voices, is inclusive of all community members, focuses on community decision making, and holds itself accountable to measurable outcomes.

To learn more about this impactful community-wide work, contact Wendy Webster at 612-706-1170 or email wwebster@stanthony.k12.mn.us.

Check Out Our New Classes in the Fall Brochure



Andrea Mason, a staff member at St. Anthony Village High School, shares her passion with our residents through her clay classes.



Ed Estrada, a staff member at St. Anthony Village High School, hosts cooking classes with his mother Guadalupe for our residents.



Certified Chef Pheng Vang is a staff member at St. Anthony Community Services and St. Anthony Middle School. Vang hosts evening cooking classes for our residents.

Classes at Community Services for Adults

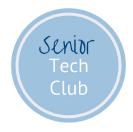
Defensive Driving 55 +: Eight Hour Course

Improve your driving skills, and if you're 55 or older, get a discount on your personal auto insurance. The Defensive Driving Course, developed by the National Safety Council, teaches basic crash prevention techniques. The class consists of lecture, films and discussions. There is no behind-the-wheel driving and there are no tests. **Wednesday & Thursday, August 23 & 24 • 5:30-9:30 p.m. • Community Center, Council Chambers • \$26**

Defensive Driving 55 +: Refresher Course

If you have taken a state approved eight-hour Defensive Driving Course (55+), you can renew your 10%, three-year car insurance discount by taking the state-approved, four-hour refresher course. There's no driving and no test. You will receive a certificate of completion to provide to your insurance company. Please include your driver's license number when registering. If you are 50-54 years old, check with your insurance company about a discount. Refresher course pre-requisite: successful completion of state approved eight-hour course.

Wednesday, August 2 • 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Community Center, room CS9 • \$23



Senior Tech Time With Don Frederiksen

Learn how to use your iPad or iPhone to its fullest potential. Don will walk you through the basics and address those concerns you may have regarding your smart device. The mission of this class is to assist residents to learn and master basic skills using their iPhones and iPads. He will help you stay connected and engaged using pictures, links, apps and more. Don will also invite you to his online Senior Tech Club where you will find help between the monthly sessions. Bring your curiosity, questions and your iPhone or iPad depending on the session you attend.

iPhone classes
Tuesdays, July 11 or August 8 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Community Center, CS19 • \$5 per session

iPad classes

Tuesdays, July 25 or August 2 • 2:00-4:00 p.m. Community Center, CS19 • \$5 per session

Grandparent and Grandchild Make Your Own Chalkboard

Today's grandparents know all too well the days when they wrote on the chalkboard...maybe more than once. St. Anthony resident Pam Metcalf will help you make your own chalkboard sign just like the one you used to know. Bring a grandchild or a neighbor (ages 5+) and build this age-old surface. You will paint the board area as well as the frame and take it home with you on the same day. Participation limited to 8 pairs of grandparent and child.

Wednesday, July 19 • 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. • Community Center, CS9 \$30 covers all supplies



Cindy Ridge, staff member at Wilshire Park Elementary School, with her grandson Calvin, who resides with his parents and sister in St. Anthony.

Day Trip

St. Croix River Boat Tour

Welcome aboard! Join us as we experience the beauty of the scenic St. Croix River aboard a Stillwater River Boat. The boat offers both enclosed, climate controlled levels as well as a top viewing deck. While appreciating our wonderful surroundings we will also enjoy a deli buffet of sliced meats and cheeses served with fresh bakery rolls, sandwich fixings, fresh fruit, seasonal salad and a warm entree selection. Fee includes transportation, lunch and boat ticket. Please register by August 1. *Depart*: Pick-up from the upper parking lot of St. Anthony Community Center at 10:15 a.m. We will return around 2:30 p.m.

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Election Day is Thursday, September 7, 2017 Polls Open: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where Do I Vote?

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District has four voting precincts as indicated below. Visit www.mnvotes.org to find your polling place.

HENNEPIN COUNTY

Precinct 1: Autumn Woods, 2600 Kenzie Terrace, St. Anthony Precinct 2: St. Anthony City Hall, 3301 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony

RAMSEY COUNTY

Precinct 1: Chandler Place, 3701 Chandler Drive, St. Anthony

Precinct 2 New Brighton P-2: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 100 Silver Lake Rd NW, New Brighton

To be eligible to vote in Minnesota you must:

- be at least 18 years old on Election Day
- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
- have any felony conviction record discharged, expired or completed
- not be under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights
- not have been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law

The mission of the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is to Educate, Prepare, and Inspire a Community of lifelong learners in our small, caring environment.

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