

St. Anthony New Brighton

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 282

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Summer 2009

Thank You For Your Commitment To Our Students and Our Schools



Pictured above, from left to right, are School Board members Don Siggelkow, Leah Slye, Dave Evans, and Jane Eckert; Quyen Bui, 12th grade; Devin Ferguson, 11th grade; Sessen Mengist-Teklay, 10th grade; Nate Snyder, 9th grade; Addie Collins, 8th grade; Andrew Himmer, 7th grade; Milcah Elias, 6th grade; Madelyn Wald, 5th grade; Christopher Kim, 4th grade; Derrick Rabine, 3rd grade; Ruby Garthune, 2nd grade; Khadijah Dibba, 1st grade; and Max Kachman, kindergarten. Wayne Terry, interim principal of Wilshire Park; Shirley Gregoire, principal of St. Anthony Middle School; Tom Keith, principal of St. Anthony Village High School; and Dr. Rod Thompson, superintendent, are in the back row.

The groundbreaking ceremony on April 27 signified the start of construction and renovation projects that will occur at Wilshire Park and St. Anthony Middle/High School during the summers of 2009 and 2010. The projects include: a new computer lab at Wilshire Park, updated science and computer labs at Middle/High School, renovation of special education classroom area at Middle/High School, food service expansions and upgrades at Middle/High School, separating bus traffic from parent drop off at Middle/High school, exterior improvements including new roofs, window and door repair; replacement of flooring, casework, equipment; electrical and bathroom improvements and indoor air quality improvements.

To follow our progress, visit our website at www.stanthony.k12.mn.us, click on District Projects Updates under Gateways.

*Sincerely,
Dr. Rod Thompson, Superintendent*

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School Buildings Closed During Summer For Construction Projects

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Physics Teacher One of Three Selected in State by University of Minnesota

Paul Lulai, physics teacher at St. Anthony Village High School, was one of three teachers in the state selected by the University of Minnesota to teach Physics by Inquiry at St. Anthony Village High School during the 2009-2010 school year. Students who complete the course will earn 5 science lab credits from the U of M's College in the Schools program. The University of Minnesota's Physics by Inquiry class will provide St. Anthony Village High School students with more accessibility to enroll in a science class in which they can earn college credits.

Thirteen Students Secure Awards at 4A Minnesota State High School League Visual Arts Competition

Thirteen St. Anthony Village High School art students participated in the Division 4A Minnesota State High School League Visual Arts Competition on April 25 at the Perpich Center for the Arts. Overall, St. Anthony Village High School students won 21 awards—8 Directors Awards, 4 Excellence Awards, 6 Superior Gold Medals and 3 Spotlight on the Arts Awards.

The following students were award recipients:

- Angela Bandoli, 2 *Superior Gold Medal Awards* & *Directors Award*
- Teegan Christian, *Excellence Award*
- Ashley Dahl, *Directors Award*
- Cheyenne Dowdle, *Directors Award*
- Ricardo Escobar, *Directors Award*
- Janet Horsager, *Directors Award*
- Nick Hein, *Directors Award*
- Elaina Hamann, *Directors Award*
- Dale Mapes, *Excellence Award*
- Rebecca Nguyen, *Excellence Award*
- Gracia Obeid, *Superior Gold Medal Award*
- Yubi Park, 3 *Superior Gold Medal Awards*
- Rachael Vondrachek, *Excellence Award* & *Directors Award*



Pictured from left to right are students Angela Bandoli, Yubi Park, Gracia Obeid and Sarah Weiss, St. Anthony Village High School art teacher.

Bandoli, Obeid and Park Win 3 of 6 Spotlight on the Arts Awards

Angela Bandoli, Gracia Obeid and Yubi Park won three of the six Spotlight on the Arts jurors awards. Angela Bandoli, received the award for her print, *Lost in Time*; Gracia Obeid, for her digital photography tryptich; and Yubi Park, for his print, *Night*.

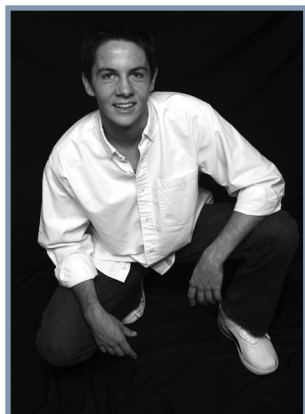
Yubi Park's Artwork To Be Displayed in Congressman Ellison's DC Office

The artwork of Yubi Park, a student at St. Anthony Village High School, titled *Collagraph Print I – Milky* won second place at the 5th District Congressional Art Competition on May 11. Forty-six pieces of student artwork from sixteen schools in the 5th District were submitted to the 28th annual competition, which was sponsored by Congressman Keith Ellison's office. Park's artwork will be displayed in Congressman Ellison's Washington, D.C. office for one year. Along with a second place award, Park also received a \$100 scholarship from Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA). "The diversity of the 5th Congressional District can be found in each of the works of these young artists. You can almost feel their take on the world in their artwork. With talent like this, we are in good hands," Congressman Ellison stated.

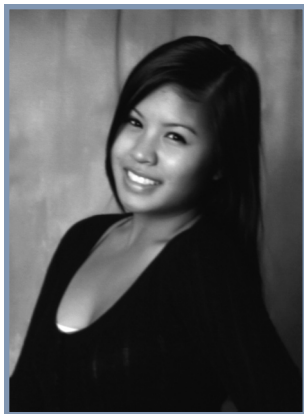


Congressman Ellison and Yubi Park

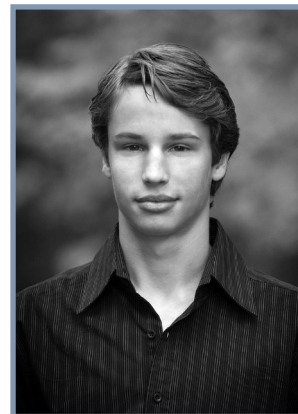
Congratulations to the Academic Leaders in the Class of 2009



Karl LaFleur, Valedictorian
University of MN-Twin Cities



Quyen Bui, Salutatorian
UW-Madison



Eli Wilken-Resman, Salutatorian
University of MN

Hannah Engel
Gustavus Adolphus

Jessica Doehermann
Bethel University

Ben Foley
University of Notre Dame

Madeline Severston
St. Olaf College

Libby Anderson
University of MN-Twin Cities
Carlson School of Management

Hannah Hart
Augustana College

April Peterson
University of MN-Twin Cities

Danait Mengist-Teklay
Macalester College

Libby Stille
Calvin College

Nicholas Hein
University of MN-Twin Cities

Lucas Caretta
University of MN-Twin Cities
Institute of Technology

Stephanie Tomczyk
University of MN-Twin Cities
Carlson School of Management

Matt Twohy
St. John's University

Kyle Rosenberg
Macalester College

Gina Gaetz
St. Olaf College

Maria Bollensen
University of MN-Twin Cities
College of Biological Sciences

Learning Extends Beyond the Classroom

As an opportunity for students to enhance their classroom learning, twenty-six 8th grade students and six staff from St. Anthony Middle School explored our nation's capital for four days in April. During their visit to Washington DC, students engaged in various activities including: guided tours of the Capitol Building, Holocaust Museum, and National Archives; a visit to Arlington Cemetery and National Zoo, hands-on experiences at three Smithsonian museums and Newseum, a night tour of the monuments and a ghost tour in Alexandria. Students also learned to navigate the metro rail system and practiced the virtue of patience as they encountered numerous security checks. When asked what they liked most about the trip, one student responded, "We got to see pretty much everything," while another commented, "I liked overlooking the capital from the Washington Monument," and "going to all the places we went" like "the museums and the capitol."



Hamman Secured First and Second Place at Regional Science Fair

Congratulations to Felicia Hamann who competed at the 2009 Twin City Regional Science Fair at the University of Minnesota. Hamann won a first and second place ribbon as well as a science participation trophy.

International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) Authorization Visit

In April, St. Anthony Middle School hosted a visiting team of teachers from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). The purpose of the visit was to monitor progress of the school's implementation of the standards and practices of IBO's Middle Years' Program—a required step in the application process for St. Anthony Middle School to be authorized as an official IBO World School. The extensive visit included a tour of the school, observations in classrooms, meetings with teachers, and conversations with students. The visiting team interviewed teacher specialists—music, art, industrial technology, physical education, special education—Principal Shirley Gregoire, School Board Member Jane Eckert, and Superintendent Dr. Rod Thompson. The final report was sent to IBO's international committee who will make a final determination and announce their decision in July.

Middle School Students Recognized at State History Day Competition

Monika Bueltel received an Honorable Mention for her project and Will Jones secured third place for his research paper at the Minnesota History Day competition. In addition, Jones qualified as an alternate to the National History Day Event.

Wilshire Park's Destination ImagiNation Team Win North Metro Spirit Award

The Wilshire Park Creative Crazy Umpa Lumpas Destination ImagiNation team were recipients of the North Metro Spirit of Destination ImagiNation Award at the district competition at Blaine High School. This honor is reserved for one team at the district level which displays exceptional spirit, teamwork, volunteerism and sportsmanship. Wilshire Park's Creative Crazy Umpa Lumpas designed, cut and glued a balsa wood structure to hold free weights during a creative skit—the team placed fourth and their structure held up to fifty pounds. The team worked to rebuild their structure and, without prodding, chose to share materials with a competing team. Members of the Creative Crazy Umpa Lumpas include students Clark Andreasen, Brooklyn Benik, Will Hagen, James Kerber, Isabel Marquette; parent advisors are Jerry and Faye Kerber and Beth Marquette. Susan Boatman, Gifted and Talented coordinator and teacher at Wilshire Park, is the Destination ImagiNation advisor. Destination ImagiNation is available to 4th and 5th grade students. Thirty-two students from Wilshire Park participated on five teams at the district North Metro Destination ImagiNation competition.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day



George and Lorraine Rodgers accompanied their granddaughter Lucy Rodgers for lunch at Wilshire Park

Over 340 grandparents and special friends enjoyed lunch with students on May 5 and 6. This event allows grandparents and special friends an opportunity to share a delicious meal with students and become better acquainted with Wilshire Park.

Students Raise Over \$10,000 for Jump Rope and Hoops for Hearts

Wilshire Park students jumped rope and shot baskets in their physical education classes for one week and raised over \$10,000 for heart disease.



Fifth-grade choral students performed for Bridge Builders--senior citizen volunteers--on May 29.



Tom Keith - 15 years

Tom Keith is retiring after serving as principal of St. Anthony Village High School for fifteen years. Keith's service to students and commitment to education spans 35 years as a teacher and administrator in four of Minnesota's public school districts. As principal of St. Anthony Village High School, Keith's tenure was the longest of any principal at the high school and close to one-third of the school's existence. Under his leadership, Keith worked to polish the reputation of St. Anthony Village High School which benefitted our district's standing not only in the metro area but in the state and national education community as well. As a result of Keith's efforts, St. Anthony Village High School has been ranked in the Top 5% of all high schools in the U.S. by *Newsweek Magazine* and *US News & World Report* rated our high school as one of "America's Best High Schools" in 2007 and 2008. Keith's passion for our school district, advocacy of teachers and knowledge of the students at St. Anthony Village High School will be missed.

Roger Johnson - 21 years

Roger Johnson's service to students in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District has two phases. Johnson originally started at St. Anthony Village High School in 1978, taught Social Studies and coached for a number of years. In 1983, Johnson moved to Lac qui Parle Valley and Appleton High Schools to serve as counselor. In 1994, Johnson was offered a position and, for the past fifteen years, he has served as guidance counselor at St. Anthony Village High School. Tom Keith, principal, applauded Johnson's service, "He is a strong, effective advocate for students. He tirelessly works with students and their families, promoting higher levels of student achievement. An exceptional strength for Roger is his understanding of how to maximize opportunities for students with limited resources. He is integral to the mission of the school and consistently exceeds my expectations. I am forever grateful for all he does for the students and community of St. Anthony-New Brighton School District."



Bob Ochu - 35 years

Bob Ochu started with the district in 1974 as a night custodian at St. Anthony Village High School and remained at the high school/middle school building for his entire career. Ochu moved to the day shift in 1986 where he was responsible for transporting food service items to and from Wilshire Park, keeping the cafeteria clean, and assisting as groundskeeper. Bob Ochu will be remembered for his sense of humor, dedication to his work, and friendship with Greg Thomas. Thomas remarked that whenever there was too much snow for one person to handle, even at 2 a.m., Ochu was there to help. Ochu is married to Carmalee Ochu, special education teacher at Wilshire Park and, in retirement, Ochu explained, "I plan to have the lawn perfectly manicured, the housework done, and the food on the table every night when Carmalee gets home from work."

Special Events and Trips for Senior Citizens

Minnesota Zoo

Spend the day exploring the zoo, learning about animals through exhibits and a monorail tour. Africa Returns! is a six-acre exhibit that transports guests to an African savanna and includes giraffes, zebras, antelope, wildebeest and ostriches. The Russian Far East is one of the last great wilderness areas on earth, home to an amazing diversity of animals, including some of the world's largest predators. However, the environment and animals of this area are in danger. The monorail tour will give riders a birds-eye view of hardy, northern hemisphere animals including Bactrian camels, musk oxen, moose and Amur (Siberian) tigers. Lunch is on your own at the zoo.

Wednesday, July 22

Fee: \$32 per person, includes transportation, admission, and monorail pass.

Depart: 8:30 a.m. St. Anthony Community Center (north end upper parking lot)

Approximate Return: 3:45 p.m.

Registration Deadline: July 14

Funny Money

When mild mannered accountant, Henry Perkins, accidentally picks up the wrong briefcase on the train and discovers it's crammed full of cash, it's a dream come true – that is until the police find Henry's own briefcase attached to a corpse in the river! A rollicking, outrageously funny comedy starring Steve Shaffer and Tom Stolz, critically acclaimed as two of the finest comic actors in the Twin Cities.

Thursday, August 13

Fee: \$55 includes lunch, performance, and motor coach transportation.

Depart: 10:45 a.m. St. Anthony Community Center (north end upper parking lot)

Approximate Return: 4:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: August 5

National Eagle Center in Wabasha

Enjoy the fall colors as we venture down to Wabasha. We will first stop for lunch and then we are off to the National Eagle Center. We will come nose to beak with the eagles of the Mississippi River! During our visit, we will see resident eagles bathing and feeding, view wild eagles from the observation decks, participate in interactive programs, learn the significance of the eagle in our environment, symbolic meaning for our country, military, and importance in Native American culture. On our way home, we'll stop at Pepin Heights Apple Orchard for the fall harvest.

Thursday, September 24

Fee: \$65 includes lunch, admission to Eagle Center, and motor coach transportation

Depart: 8:45 a.m. St. Anthony Community Center (north end upper parking lot)

Approximate Return: 6:15 p.m.

Registration Deadline: September 7

To register for classes or trips, call the Community Services office at 612-706-1166.

Find more information on classes and trips in the Fall 2009 Community Services brochure.
The brochure will arrive in your mailbox by August 3rd.

Classes and Weekly Events for Senior Citizens

Defensive Driving

55 +: Refresher Course

Minnesota Safety Council

If you have taken a state approved eight-hour Defensive Driving Course (55+), you can renew your three-year, ten percent car insurance discount by taking a state-approved, four-hour refresher course. You will receive a certificate of completion to provide to your insurance company. Refresher course pre-requisite: successful completion of state approved eight-hour course.

Class # 5300-SU09B

Monday, July 20

8:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Community Center

Fee: \$21.00

Gentle Yoga

Gentle Yoga strengthens the body while calming and focusing the mind. Learn how to take this slower, gentler version of Yoga. This class includes breathing practices and modified stretches to fit everyone, even those who prefer to remain seated in a chair. All fitness levels are welcome.

Class #: 4020-SU09B

Fridays, July 10-August 21

10:30 -11:15 a.m.

St. Anthony Community Center

Fee: \$39.00



Lilah Mangen models the functions of an Interwrite Board at Wilshire Park.

Middle School Student Volunteers Essential to Senior Citizen Computer Class

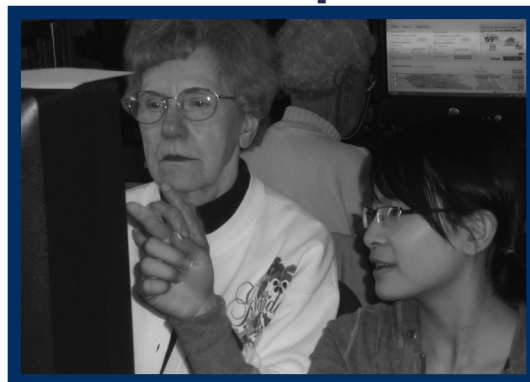
Fourteen community members participated in a weekly computer class designed specifically for senior citizens. Every Monday for five weeks, the lifelong learners were guided by instructor Bonnie Brever and received invaluable, personalized assistance from student volunteers. Thank you to our volunteers for their commitment.

The seventh grade volunteers included:

Zoey Armstrong, Chris Baker, Mason Hermes, Molly Jansen, Sam Kim, Patrick McGuire, Thu Nguyen and Erica Sawyer.

The eighth grade volunteers included:

Eliza Boo, Tori Burkland, Tenzin Palyon and Josie Surmaand.



St. Anthony Middle School student Thu Nguyen, right, assists Merilyn Brede.

Classes and Weekly Events for Senior Citizens

Monday

Cribbage

Mondays

1:00-3:00 p.m.

\$.75 per week (includes coffee)

Location: Community Center

Call 612-706-1166 to sign-up

Pinochle

Mondays

12:30-3:30 p.m.

Small prize fee

Location: The Landings Silver Lake Village

2501 38th Ave. N.E. Silver Lake Village

Tuesday

Euchre

Tuesdays

1:00-3:30 p.m.

Small prize fee

Location: Autumn Woods of St. Anthony, 2600 Kenzie Terrace

Bunco

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

9:30-11:00 a.m.

\$.75 per week plus (prize money to be determined by group)

Location: St. Anthony Community Center

Call Community Services at 612-706-1166 on Monday to sign up

Wednesday

Bridge for Fun

Call 612-706-1166 for the name and telephone number of the Bridge registration volunteer.

Wednesdays

12:30-3:30 p.m.

\$1.25 per week

Location: St. Anthony Community Center

Thursday

500 Card Club

Thursdays

1:00-3:30 p.m.

Small prize fee

Location:

Autumn Woods of St. Anthony

2600 Kenzie Terrace

Friday

Scrabble

Fridays

1:00-3:00 p.m.

\$.75 per week (includes coffee)

Location: St. Anthony Community Center

Free Health Insurance Counseling For Senior Citizens

St. Anthony-New Brighton Community Services is a Health Insurance Counseling Site for Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers, who reside within St. Anthony-New Brighton School District boundaries. A State-certified Health Insurance Counseling staff or volunteer will be at St. Anthony Community Center on the 3rd Monday of each month from 1:00-4:00 p.m. to assist with:

Understanding basic Medicare and Medical Assistance, choosing a Medicare supplement, choosing a Medicare Part D plan, ensuring proper processing of Medicare and Medical Assistance claims, assisting with health insurance forms, and assessing long-term care insurance. There is no fee for this service.

Call 612-706-1166 for your one-hour appointment.

SANBE NEWS

St. Anthony New Brighton Education Foundation

SANBE Supports High School Engineers



You'd be right to call the actions of St. Anthony Village High School's RoboHuskie team "lunacy." That was the name of the challenge that took the team and their robot creation to two regional competitions this winter and spring.

This year's FIRST Robotics Competition challenged teams of high schoolers to design, program, and build a robot that would score points by getting "moon rocks" into the baskets of opposing teams' robots. This task had to be performed on a surface that simulated the low-gravity environment of the moon, and each team had exactly six weeks to engineer their machine.

For their first competition, which was held in Milwaukee during March, St. Anthony's team fielded a robot designed to scoop rocks onto a conveyor belt and then shoot them into opposing teams' baskets. Their results made them reconsider their design, and before their next regional competition in April, the team had built a "dumper"—a robot that placed the moon rocks in opposing team's baskets. This turned out to be a more accurate method of scoring points, giving the team better results: they placed second in a field of over fifty teams.

Twenty-six students participated in RoboHuskie, which required more than engineering skills. Some students helped publicize the team's work and coordinated the business aspects of the project. "The coolest part," according to one team member, "is the actual competition. That and working with your friends on a cool project."

You can help SANBE continue its funding of projects like RoboHuskie. Send in your contribution today.

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a matching program.

The purpose of SANBE is to fund innovative projects, such as this. SANBE provides grants to programs that reach large numbers of students, encourage new approaches to classroom teaching that may not receive funding from regular school district revenue. Please consider contributing to SANBE so it can continue its mission. You may use the donation coupon printed on this page and, remember, your contribution is tax-deductible.

For more information, please visit our web page. Go to the district website (<http://www.stanthony.k12.mn.us>) and click on SANBE under the Gateway menu.

St. Anthony Village High School Class of 2009 Received over \$33,000 in Local Scholarships



Schar Olson and Angie Woods present Katie Korman with the Zak Olson Memorial Scholarship at the Senior Awards on May 29.

St. Anthony Village High School Patriots Marching Band Summer Performance Schedule

Come out and support the Patriots Marching Band this summer. For specific information on these performance locations, visit our website: www.patriotsmarchingband.org

Monday, June 22nd
Roseville, 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23rd
Northeast Mpls, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 26th
Columbia Heights, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 27th
Osseo, 12:00 p.m. and St. Cloud, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 31st
VillageFest, 7:00 p.m.

**First Home football game is
September 7th**

Now Accepting Applications for 2009-2010 Bridge Builders

St. Anthony Community Services is accepting applications for senior citizen volunteers for the 2009-10 school year. Bridge Builders are residents of our community who wish to volunteer their time or share a talent with students in our schools. Please call 612-706-1166 for an application.

Greening Up While Grooming Mother Earth

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District recently traded its gas powered grounds vehicle and groomer for an electric John Deere Gator. Superintendent Rod Thompson stated, "Going Green" seems to be the hot phrase these days. I think it's a great message. Even though converting from a gas utility vehicle to an electric one doesn't seem like that big of a deal, it does show that we are taking steps in the right direction to make sure that our school district does its part in becoming a more environmentally friendly organization."



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Wilshire Park:	612-706-1200
St. Anthony Middle School:	612-706-1030
St. Anthony Village High School:	612-706-1100
District Office:	612-706-1000
Community Services:	612-706-1166

The first day of the 2009-2010 school year is Tuesday, September 8, 2009

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