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Nurturing BRILLIANCE

The Official Newsletter of ISD282

Fall 2022

Welcome to our best year yet

Families, friends and community members of the St. Anthony - New Brighton School District,

Always too soon, summer's end came quick and with that, the start of another amazing school year. As a community and district united as a family, I do believe it will be our best year yet. From sports games to theater performances, student activities to music concerts, student relationships to teacher trust. We are redefining what it means to be a student at St. Anthony - New Brighton School District, and this year, you will see we're turning up the volume when it comes to student voices.

We will be telling the stories of our students, staff and community members that highlight their brilliance and contribution to the school community. Our ability to support one another has been an exceptional component of our identity. We can't stop now. We need to continue to elevate each student and staff member's purpose, voice and choice.

I'm so excited to see what this school year brings and I'm confident that our community will continue to support the Ever Brighter work of our students and staff. Go Pandas and Huskies!

Dr. Renee Corneille
Superintendent



Upcoming Events

Check out what's happening with St. Anthony - New Brighton School District!

October 18

School Board Workshop

October 19-21

Fall Break - no school

November 18

Fall Musical

November 21-22

Parent-teacher Conferences

November 24-25

Thanksgiving break - no school

Senior Citizens:

We'd love to see you at the Huskies fine arts and sporting events! Admission to SAVHS-hosted events is free for St. Anthony - New Brighton school district residents 65 and older.

For a complete list of athletic events and activities, please visit letsgohuskies.com.



SANB teacher earns national recognition

Alison Criss, St. Anthony Middle School English Teacher, has been named the winner of the 2022 NCTE Outstanding Middle Level Educator Award. NCTE stands for the National Council of Teachers of English, and has an over 100-year history of advocating for as well as providing resources and support to educators and students. Criss was recognized for her justice-approached vision and advocacy for educational equity in her classroom and community.





WE ARE Ever BRIGHTER.

What does it mean to be Ever Brighter?

It means that when we give students the chance to engage with others at the heart level, that student's true brilliance comes out.

Our mission is to serve, educate, prepare and inspire lifelong learners, and we believe in the **brilliance** of each student. In this we believe that each student has intrinsic value that goes beyond traditional classroom instruction. Each St. Anthony - New Brighton student that steps through our doorway with a purpose, a voice and a choice.

We are a community and district united as a family. We are Ever Brighter.



New faces, new roles

We are thrilled to have several new administrators join our team and nurture the brilliance of each student.



NORMAN BELL

Principal of St. Anthony Village High School

“One leadership quality I strive for was exemplified by Mahatma Gandhi who said, ‘a sign of a good leader is not how many followers you have but how many leaders you create.’ My goal is to create student leaders and teacher leaders in St. Anthony.”

QUYEN PHAN

Assistant Principal of St. Anthony Village High School

The second I walked into the building I knew right away that I wanted to be a part of the St. Anthony Village High School family. The love, support, and joy from staff, students, and community members is inspirational.”



RAY KIDD

Student Engagement & Equity Coordinator

“What I’m trying to do now is move away from more of the institution and the structure and into more of the messy, relationship-based work. We need to understand our students and the community and start building key relationships between the two.”

LUCY ROSARIO

District Mental Health Coordinator

We want to prepare our students for a world that isn’t yet known. We can start to do this by providing a safe, engaged and informed learning space that builds resilience and compassion. This is crucial to giving our students the best chance in our global world.”



Get involved in St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools!

We have a number of opportunities for students, staff, community members, and parents/guardians to be involved at SANB. The following task forces have been developed, which will direct the district’s mission and vision.

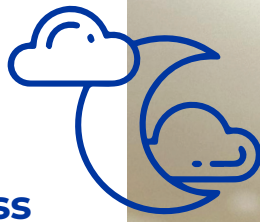
- Facilities task force
- Budget task force
- Teaching & Learning task force

SCAN TO LEARN MORE



SANB employee wins School Nurse of the Year

Lori Watzl-King, St. Anthony - New Brighton School's Wellness Coordinator, was named the 2022 School Nurse of the Year by the Minnesota School Nurse Association. We are very proud of Lori's achievement! She will be officially recognized by the association in November.



Thinking Bigger

with Mudit Jha & Dreamers Abyss

What student do you know that's already written parts of their own book before 18 years of age? One of our students is doing just this, and taking his learning to a whole new level.

Mudit Jha, rising senior at St. Anthony Village High School (SAVHS), wants to revolutionize student minds by taking knowledge learned in the classroom and making actual meaning out of it.

"I always felt that the way I was learning in the classroom, whether it was in an international school in India, or a public school like St. Anthony Village High School, was a little flawed," Jha said. Jha is an Indian national but lives in the United States with his family.

His project is called Dreamers Abyss – a student-led website that showcases student work through podcasts, blogs and courses designed to build a motivated, curious and creative student community across the country.

"Rather than just retaining information, I wanted to explore ways to go beyond the classroom and make studying more enjoyable and meaningful," Jha said.

Dreamers Abyss started in the United States, but the vision came to life when he worked alongside his previous schoolmate, Suyash Handa, who helped him code the site and create branding for the project.

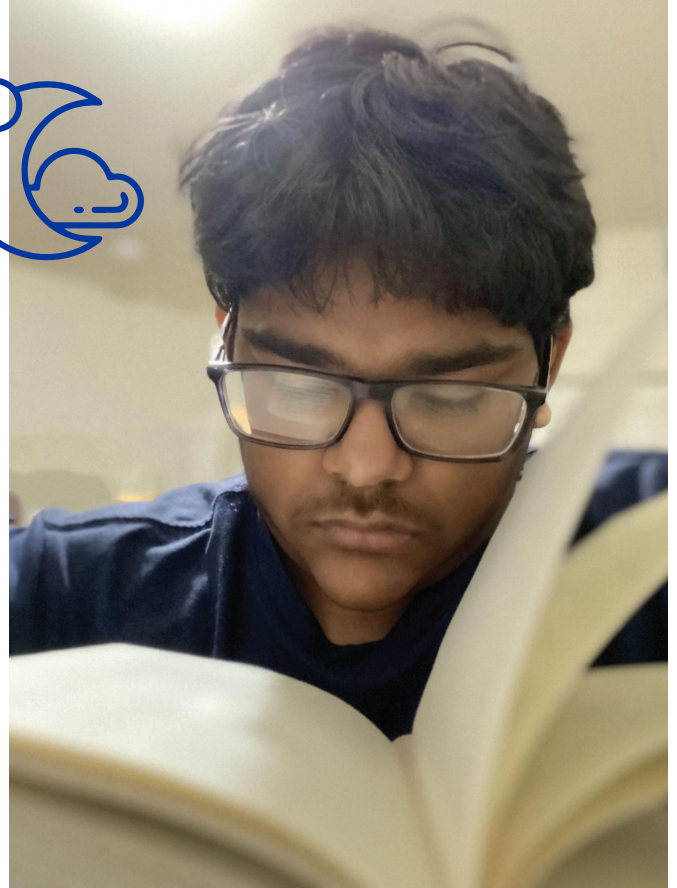
As the work progressed and the website launched, Jha was contacted by students who also had similar enthusiasm and passion about their projects and who wanted to share them. Through this, Jha said, he discovered that learning is truly a life-long investment.

"Students are more engaged when they encounter different methods of teaching that go beyond reading/writing," Jha explained. "Once students stop worrying about tests and grades, they start to view learning as a lifelong journey that goes beyond school."



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While Jha chose a more rigorous approach to his education outside of the classroom, he was impacted by his teachers who motivated him to continue his studies.

Jha credits English teacher Mr. Haugen and Psychology teacher Mr. Victorine as positive influences for his creative expression.

"I developed a deeper comprehension, started to express my thoughts clearly and found an unexpected passion for writing and reading," Jha said. "In the end, the teachers that I interact with have influenced me in the most positive ways."

St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools seeks to nurture the brilliance of each student, inspiring lifelong learners to pursue their passions beyond the walls of the classroom. Jha embodies our mission with the utmost enthusiasm, and understands that while the world is not yet fully known, deeper, relevant learning can lead to transformational learning experiences.

Great work, Jha! We're proud of you and know you will continue to be Ever Brighter.



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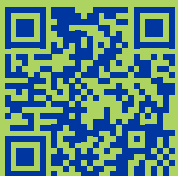
Sign up for a class at SANB Community Services

Community Services has a wide array of classes available for all ages and interests! From youth dance, music lessons, foreign language and various sports classes to adult day trips, dog obedience, exercise, finance and painting classes - we have something for everyone!

Programs available:

- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)
- Classes for parents and children birth to age 5
- Half day and all day preschool classes for children ages 3-5
- Village Kids - before and after school child care at Wilshire Park Elementary for grades K-5

Youth and adult classes are available and provide a wide range of activities for everyone.



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or scan the QR code
to learn more!