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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Every day I have the privilege of watching our students do amazing things. Whether it's our preschoolers playing games that help them learn social skills, our middle schoolers trying their hands at a new science lesson or our high schoolers doing in-depth research as part of an IB class, it's always a special treat to see our students in action. If you haven't been in a school for a while, I invite you to visit anytime. I think you'll like what you see.

In a few weeks, district residents will have the opportunity to vote on a building bond proposal to renovate and update our school buildings districtwide. The May 21 vote, if approved, would fund a four-point facilities master plan to maintain and improve our schools, relieve elementary overcrowding, improve security, and reduce district rental costs. We were pleased that the Minnesota

Department of Education gave the proposal a positive Review and Comment, saying, "The Commissioner of Education judges the proposed construction to be educational and economically advisable." More information about the vote can be found on page 3 of this newsletter, or by visiting our website at www.sspps.org.

As always, my door is open. Please contact me anytime with questions, comments, or ideas at dave.webb@sspps.org or (651) 457-9465. Thank you for your ongoing support of our South St. Paul students!

Sincerely,

Dave Webb, Ed. D., Superintendent
South St. Paul Public Schools

GOOEY, SLIMY, SLIPPERY, WEIRD AND FUN AT LINCOLN CENTER!

The Lincoln Center PTA sponsored its third annual Science Night on Friday, April 5, 2013. The evening was free for families, fulfilling the PTA's mission to offer engaging events without financial pressure on families. Approximately 450 students were able to attend and participate in over 25 learning stations.

Highlights from this year's Science Night included:

- A comprehensive heart display by Medtronic and the U of M's Visible Heart Lab
- A Star Lab planetarium show
- A theater performance by the Science Museum of Minnesota with three 30-minute showings
- Veterinarians from Mendokata Animal Hospital brought x-rays and organ specimens and talked about animal medicine
- An assortment of reptiles and amphibians from the Minnesota Herpetological Society



The U of M's Brain Club, Society of Physics, Alpha Chi Sigma and their chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers also brought exciting demonstrations from their areas of expertise. Visitors got a look at the insides of computers, the Girl Scout Council had toothpick puzzles and fingerprinting, our own LEGO League demonstrated their robot missions, and High Tech Kids had a circuit interactive. The Active Energy Club brought potato clocks and wind turbines, parent and teacher volunteers ran a number of other interactives, and the South St. Paul Educational Foundation generously supported the very popular Fossil Dig.

The goal of Science Night is to promote an interest in and curiosity for science and technology among students by making experimentation accessible and fun, offering a wide range of opportunities within science to engage students of varying interest, and by supporting teachers to introduce more science in the classroom. The Science Night team also offered a menu of classroom experiments for teachers to choose from in the weeks leading up to Science Night.

Thank you to Lincoln Center parents Lee Ann Schlarman, Nicole Delfino Jansen, Sarah Winslow Brewer, and Elizabeth Songalia for organizing a fun evening for our students and families.

SOUTH ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINNESOTA'S FIRST PUBLIC K-12 IB WORLD SCHOOLS DISTRICT



Previous South St. Paul graduates performing the celebratory throwing of the cap.

As part of a focused effort to expand high quality academic programs to our students, South St. Paul (SSP) received official authorization and approval to offer all three International Baccalaureate (IB) programs to our students. The Diploma Program (DP), authorized in 1986 is for students in grades 11-12. The Middle Years Program (MYP), authorized in the summer 2009, is for all students grades 7-10. The Primary Years Programs (PYP), for all students in K-6, was authorized in the spring 2009.

WHAT IS IB?

IB offers three high quality and challenging educational programs for a worldwide community of schools. For over 40 years, the International Baccalaureate programs have established a reputation for their high academic standards, for preparing students for life in a globalized 21st century, and for helping to develop future citizens who will create a better, more peaceful world. The IB programs encourage students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals, and engaged community members.

WHAT ARE THE THREE IB PROGRAMS OFFERED AT SOUTH ST. PAUL?

IB PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM (PYP)

For all students in grades K-6, focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the outside world.

IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (MYP)

For all students in grades 7-10, provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, and to become critical and reflective thinkers.

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM (DP)

For students in grades 11-12, is an academically challenging and balanced program. IB brings subjects together in a comprehensive program of education, including not just math, science, social studies, and literature, but also the arts and world languages with final examinations that prepare students for success at post-secondary careers and in life beyond.

IB LEARNERS STRIVE TO BE

Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Communicators
Principled

Open-Minded
Caring
Risk-Takers
Balanced
Reflective

CLASSROOM NOVEL HELPS STUDENTS EXEMPLIFY IB PROFILES THROUGH FUNDRAISER FOR AFGHAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Solace for the Children is an organization of volunteers that provides medical and dental care to needy children from all over the world. They are committed to providing care to children in need, wherever they are. This outreach effort includes Afghanistan, where many children bear the effects of living in a war-torn environment, with limited medical help or educational opportunities available.

This year, several language arts classes here in South St. Paul read the novel *The Kite Runner*, which takes place in Afghanistan. This book prompted a group of teachers to ask how these readers could be involved in a tangible way to make them feel connected to the characters and events in the novel.

Students liked the idea of selling suckers to raise money to provide materials for an educational resource room for women and children in Afghanistan.

Through their efforts, our students raised \$518 allowing the Solace team to buy a new computer for the resource room in Afghanistan, a great legacy to the brave women and children there. "We believe that all participants understand the difference between what we truly 'need' versus what we merely 'want' and that access to an education is never something to take for granted," said one of the language arts teachers.



Billy Brandecker and Moire Dunn holding their fundraising posters in English and Spanish.

SSP HIGH SCHOOL GIVES STUDENTS A JUMP START ON COLLEGE

Students in South St. Paul now can graduate from high school with an associate degree from Inver Hills Community College without ever stepping foot on a college campus or paying for a college class.

Inver Hills and South St. Paul Public Schools finalized the details of an agreement that allows students pursuing South St. Paul Secondary's International Baccalaureate Diploma Program to earn credits at both institutions simultaneously. For South St. Paul students, this means they have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma, an IB Diploma, and an Associate in Arts degree by the end of their senior year of high school.

"With rising college tuition costs throughout the nation, I am pleased that our partnership will provide both academic and financial benefits to students who attend South St. Paul Public Schools," District Superintendent Dave Webb said.



Inver Hills
Community College

For more information on this program, contact IB Diploma Coordinator, Conrad Anderson at 651-457-9408 or canderson@sspps.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The last day of school for the 1920-21 school year was May 11.
- In February 1889, South St. Paul had 9 schools in operation.
- In 1890, the Superintendent's Annual Report concluded a student population of 326; only 172 of them met the state requirement of for a minimum of 3 months attendance.
- The first South St. Paul superintendent was Christian Zinck
- In 1918, manual training students from the high school built several homes in South St. Paul as part of their curriculum.
- Throughout the rich history of South St. Paul, education has always been a top priority of the community.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN - BOND VOTE: MAY 21, 2013

South St. Paul residents will be asked to vote on a building bond proposal on May 21, 2013, that would fund the school district's four-point Facilities Master Plan:

- Site improvements and facility maintenance: repairing aging roofs, heating and ventilation systems; repurposing underutilized classrooms to meet global digital learning shift and updating the student activities facilities.
- Relieve overcrowding in the elementary schools to enhance programming: an addition of early childhood and kindergarten classrooms; relocating the 6th grade to a separate middle school wing of the Secondary Building.
- Address district-wide safety and security needs: incorporating additional cameras and facility modifications, and upgrading the communications and wireless infrastructure.
- Reduce district rental costs: eliminating lease payments by relocating out of the Family Connections site and purchasing the District office.

The Board of Education unanimously approved the recommendation to place the building bond vote on the May 21 ballot, and the plan received a positive Review and Comment from the Minnesota Department of Education.

"Our job is to be good stewards of our community's schools and our tax dollars," said Ann Counihan, South St. Paul Schools Board of Education Chair. "We know that strong schools make strong communities, and we want to ensure that we do everything we can to provide an effective learning environment for our students."

What would it cost?

If approved by local voters, the tax impact on an average South St. Paul homeowner (\$142,000 home value) would be less than \$7 per month.

How do I learn more?

- Visit www.sspps.org and click on Facilities Master Plan
- Speak with someone or to leave a voicemail, call 651-457-9465
- Write to us at ssppsdirect@sspps.org



Special Election Voting Information

Date
May 21, 2013

Voting Hours
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

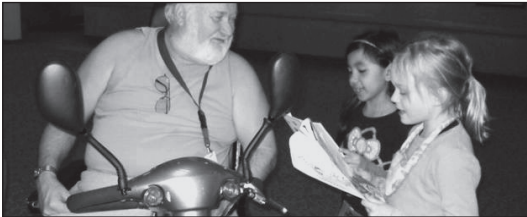
Location
Five polling locations used during general elections.

Voting Locations

- PRECINCT 1** St. John Vianney
Ward 1 789 17th Avenue North
- PRECINCT 2** First Presbyterian Church
Ward 1 535 20th Avenue North
- PRECINCT 3** Luther Memorial Church
Ward 2 315 15th Avenue North
- PRECINCT 4** Dakota County Museum
Ward 2 130 3rd Avenue North
- PRECINCT 5** Kaposia Education Center
Ward 3 1225 1st Avenue South

LINCOLN CENTER STUDENTS VISIT JOHN CARROLL SENIOR HIGH RISE

Lori Shubat's second grade class at Lincoln Center walked over to the John Carroll senior high rise home to visit with the residents and share some cheer for their first annual Keep a Poem in your Pocket day.



PEACE JAM PLUNGES FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Lincoln Center Peace Jam group raised nearly \$3,000 to support the Special Olympics! For several years, PeaceJam at Lincoln Center has been working to fight against the derogatory and hurtful words that are used by many in everyday language including words like "retard and retarded," which are very hurtful to people with intellectual disabilities, their friends, and their families. Raising money for the Special Olympics and taking the plunge to prove our commitment to this cause has really energized our future enthusiasm for peacefully fighting back against the use words in derogatory and hurtful ways.



PeaceJam jumping into the 36 degree water of Lake Calhoun to fight against the use of hurtful and derogatory words.

LEARNING BUDDY VOLUNTEER SUPPORTS READING AND MATH SKILLS

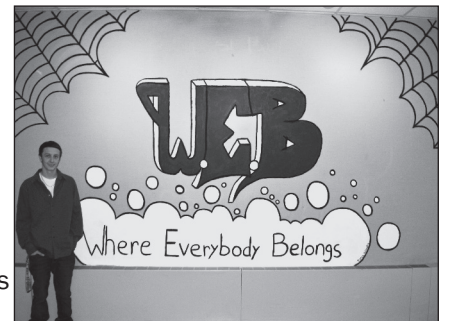
Sandie Titera has volunteered in Erin Gross's second grade classroom at Kaposia Education Center for three years. Through the Darts Learning Buddy program, Sandie works with students to support their reading and math skills. The students look forward to Sandie's weekly visits, and Sandie likes "seeing the kids as they progress with their reading and math throughout the school year. It has been such a delight making connections with the youth of our community, forming relationships, and watching them grow academically," Sandie said.



Sandie smiling for the camera with one of her learning buddies.

SOUTH ST. PAUL IS "WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS"

Tristen Schmidt, 12th grade IB art student, put his urban art talents to use when he created a Where Everybody Belongs (W.E.B.) mural. The W.E.B. Program helps the 7th grade students' transition into the secondary building with the help of a select group of sophomore students serving as mentors. The group is headed by 7th grade math teacher, Rachel Mettelle, who was pleasantly surprised at how well the wall mural turned out. "We knew it was going to look good but we're all really excited for what Tristen did for us," said Mrs. Mettelle.



Tristen Schmidt creates mural to welcome all 7th grade students.

SCHOOL NURSES BUILT A TRAVELING HANDS-ON CITY



Left: Students examine their hands under a black light. Right: Elisha Harris at Home Depot.

Hand washing plays a vital role in keeping our students and staff healthy. To bring awareness to this, school district nurses, Elisha Harris, Kris Lefferts, and Kayla Schaefer, discovered that the best way to teach students proper handwashing was by creating a "Germ City."

"Germ City" is a dark tent that is equipped with a black light. Students participate by applying a special pretend "Germ" lotion on their hands and observe the glowing of the 'Germs' under the black light. After carefully washing their hands, students may reenter the dark tent to observe the "Germs" left on their hands.

After a careful debate and discussion, a construction plan was drafted using PVC piping and black bed sheets. The tent construction was set to begin and Elisha was off to Home Depot to gather the supplies.

When Kaposia school nurse Elisha arrived at Home Depot, she shared the nurses' plans for building a "Germ City" with a Home Depot staff member. After a little brainstorming amongst Home Depot's finest, the staff turned to Elisha and said, "Do you have somewhere else you need to be today, because we can build it for you and call you when it's ready." At 2 p.m., it was ready for pick up and Home Depot paid for more than half! "It was awesome to see a large company like Home Depot so willing to collaborate with local schools to bring interactive learning to our students," said Elisha Harris.

The "Germ City" activity has been a huge success amongst all grade levels and buildings. Now that the South St. Paul schools has their own "Germ City" tent, students will have greater access to this remarkable learning activity for years to come thanks in large part to Home Depot's support.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

This never ending winter has been an extremely busy one for South St. Paul secondary students both inside and outside of the classroom. Here are some of the highlights that took place this winter outside the classroom.

BOYS' HOCKEY

The Boys' Hockey team capped off its 2012-2013 season with nine wins. It was a season in which our players faced many different adversities due to a high level of injuries and illnesses. Despite these difficulties, the boys' hockey team competed night in and night out against some of the top teams in the state. Their perseverance paid off as momentum was gained towards the end of the season with players returning to the lineup and celebrating three wins in their last five games. Grant Amelse, Ben Krey, Jake Hill, Alec Miller and Jack Pietruszewski were five of our seniors that played crucial roles this season.



GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Girls' Hockey team finished their season with an 18-9-3 record and qualified for their 13th state tournament appearance. Finishing the season strong, they won 14 of their last 17 games and placed 4th in the class A state tournament. The team was led by All Conference players Lauren Wilcox, Anna Barlow,

Riley Viner and Brigette Miller. Solid goaltending from sophomore Sydney Conley established herself as one of the top goalies in the state. Next year the team returns 15 letter winners and expects to make another strong run at a record 5th state title.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Boys' Basketball Team continues to take steps towards the future. The Packers were lucky to have the strong leadership of senior co-captains Charlie Gerten and Mike Garfield throughout the 2012-13 season. Junior Ontario Jackson and Sophomore Jaden Bjorklund were selected to the Classic Suburban All-Conference team as Honorable Mention. The team returns twelve varsity athletes and is excited for the 2013-14 winter season.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The team ended a successful 13-13 season as one of the top 10 seasons in our school district. They won six conference games with three sweeps. This year the team was led by senior leaders Alicia Sethre and Shammara Christian, both who received All-Conference honors. Tori Poole and Lexi Swanson were All-Conference Honorable Mention recipients this year. Their tenacious team defense put the Packers in the top ten in the state for class 3A in points held. The team also received a Silver All-State Academic Award from the Coaches Association.

WRESTLING

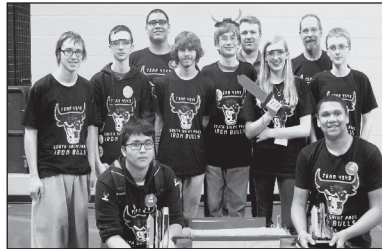
The 2012-2013 Packer Wrestling Season was full of highlights. This large group of experienced and inexperienced student athletes posted a final team record of 16-9 and finished as Section Runner-Up. The Packers had three All-Conference wrestlers in Ryan Duffy, Andy Jackson



and Preston Woods as well as six wrestlers (Ryan Duffy, Andy Jackson, Mike Mason, Hayden Cameron, Jose Brito and Preston Woods) that qualified for the Minnesota State Tournament. Preston delivered a top performance and was named State Runner-Up in his weight class.

THEATER

The South St. Paul Theater Department presented *Aliens & Cheerleaders & Zombies (oh my!)*. This One-Act production included four student-directed plays, a monologue, and South St. Paul's 2013 One-Act Competition play. "*Just Add Zombies*," the competition play, also performed at the 3AA Section Preliminaries. In March, the South St. Paul 10th-12th grade students presented William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

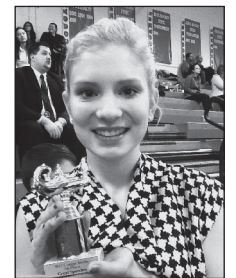


ROBOTICS

This winter, South St. Paul offered its very first Robotics team. The "Iron Bulls" finished in 10th place for their first official competition at the 10,000 Lakes Regional held at the University of Minnesota on March 28-30. This was just the start. With more than 170 teams competing in the state of Minnesota, the Packers finished 41st for the season. The team is excited to grow and looks forward to new challenges in 2014.

SPEECH

The Speech Team finished their season with a strong group of 10th and 11th grade veterans who led and mentored a group of novice 7th and 9th graders. The Packers brought home a 5th place trophy from the Farmington Invitational and several team members placed in their events throughout the season. Two team members advanced to the Section 3AA finals—Lee Nelson in Drama and Emily York in Great Speeches.



JUNIOR HIGH SPRING PLAY: RAMONA QUIMBY

South St. Paul Jr. High School and Tri-District Community Education Presents *Ramona Quimby*, based on the books by Beverly Cleary, is a charming story about an imaginative third grader and her middle class, suburban family. This touching and funny show is great entertainment for the whole family!

Showtimes:

- Friday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Location:

- South St. Paul Secondary School Auditorium

Tickets

- Advance, reserved-seat tickets are \$7 for students and seniors, and \$9 for adults. To purchase advance tickets, visit www.showtix4u.com or call 651-457-9430.
- At the door tickets are \$8 for students and seniors, and \$10 for adults. Box office opens at 6:00 p.m. on both performance nights.

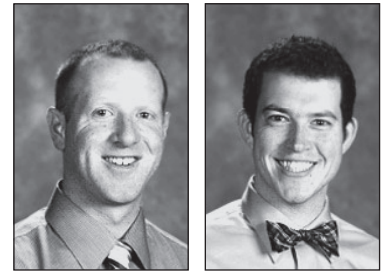
TIES EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS

Each year, the TIES Exceptional Teachers program honors teachers who have effectively used technology to motivate and increase student achievement. Kent Getzlaff was named the Exceptional Teacher from the secondary level and Ryan Higbea was named the Exceptional Teacher from the elementary level.

Kent Getzlaff is improving the learning environment for his students with the use of technology. All sophomores in the South St. Paul Secondary building have an Apple iPad this year, and he is digitizing his curriculum and finding creative ways for the students to get their work done. All assignments, notes, papers, quizzes and tests are posted for the students in our district's Moodle website. Students have the ability to record lessons to help the note taking and test preparation process with applications on their iPads. A wide variety of iPad apps have been incorporated into the daily lessons including a note taking app, file storage apps, and a productivity app to create documents and

presentations. The use of the iPads, Moodle, and the SMART Board is preparing his students for success in the technology age of education.

Ryan Higbea has been using technology in his classroom for many years. He was one of the first to use a SMART Board and has been teaching staff development sessions for our district. He has been creating 'flipped' lessons for his students in math. In addition, he has been using Twitter to communicate with parents.



Left: Kent Getzlaff; Right: Ryan Higbea

JOHN GUSTAFSON AND LINDA KJERLAND RECEIVE THE 2013 SILVER APPLE AWARD



Linda Kjerland, a special education teacher at Kaposia Education Center and Jon Gustafson, a 7th grade math teacher were presented the 16th Annual "Roxanne Bliss Silver Apple Award" from the South St. Paul Educational Foundation.

Linda Kjerland was nominated by students Nicky Rorhlen, Chase Rosenquist and Thomas Barth. Jon Gustafson was nominated by Matt and Emily Forbrook.

Don Bliss, SSP Class of 1950 established the Silver Apple Award in honor of his wife, Roxanne Waldhauser Bliss, SSP Class of 1951. This award was created to encourage students to appreciate educators or support staff who are especially important to them. It is their belief that school employees play a very instrumental role in the future success of students. Students nominate a teacher or other employee who made a significant difference in their lives. Award recipients received a silver apple commemorating the award, as well as a cash stipend.

THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY LEARNING

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

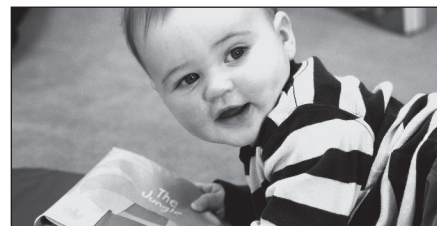
Did you know that something as simple as learning nursery rhymes when children are toddlers and preschoolers can help in your child's success in reading?

Early Learning provides the foundation and stepping stones for achievement throughout a student's career. South St. Paul provides Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), for children and caregivers from birth to five years old and Community Preschool, for children who are three or four years old. In addition, Early Childhood Screening services are provided as part of the school readiness process for kindergarten.

We value the importance of the years before kindergarten and are excited that our community does as well. The Preschool Task Force has been meeting since March to present ideas for best practice and

alignment with kindergarten in a plan for the next five years. As a first step, Community Preschool is offering a four half day per week option for preschool at Lincoln Center this coming school year. In addition, classes for both three and four year olds are offered at Kid Connections and Lincoln Center for two or three days a week. Preschool is eager to be part of both elementary buildings in the future as we continue to refine our alignment with K-12 curriculum.

For more information and registration materials, call 651-457-9418.



SUMMER COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES

If your spring schedule has been pushed back due to the lingering snow—you're not the only one. Jump back into spring and revitalize your spring happenings with these fun activities. To register, call 651-306-3633 or visit celearn4ever.org.

Optimize Your Retirement

Sat., May 18, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
South St. Paul High School - \$12 (1 session)

Community Weight Loss Challenge

Wed., May 29-July 10, 6 - 7:15 p.m.
Family Connections - \$49 per session

Grilling 101

Sat., June 1, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
South St. Paul High School - \$56 (1 session)

Aqua Zumba

Sun., June 2-30, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sun., July 7-28, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 4-25, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Central Square - \$18 per session

Manage Your Taxes

Tues., June 4, 5 - 6 p.m.
Family Connections - \$12 (1 session)

Yoga Stretch

Mon., June 3-24, mornings (exact time TBD)
Mon., July 1-29, mornings (exact time TBD)
Mon., Aug. 5-26, mornings (exact time TBD)
Central Square - \$10 per session (members)
\$12 per session (non-member)

Driver Education

Mon.-Fri., June 17-July 2, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Mon.-Fri., June 17-July 2, 12 - 3 p.m.
South St. Paul High School - \$360

SOUTH ST. PAUL ACADEMIC HONORS

On April 26, South St. Paul High School held their annual Academic Honors Breakfast to recognize this year's outstanding academic achievements.

IB HONORS CANDIDATES

To be eligible for IB Honors, a student must test in four IB classes, or test in three IB classes and take both levels of Theory of Knowledge. In addition, students must complete a CAS Program (Creative, Action, and Service) over the course of their junior and senior years and reflect upon what their CAS participation has meant to them.

Fowsia Abdirahman	Andrew Ness
Sadie Ahlquist	Andrea Oleson
Bethany Bobzin	Kendra Pankow
Abigail Chapdelaine	Justin Prince
Megan Counihan	Wyatt Pugh
Marissa Escobedo	Madeline Schaefer
Andrew Jackson	Anna Simon
Allison Lomax	David Vaughan
Elizabeth McCabe	Brianna Willard
Elizabeth Mellen	Felicia Wolf
Alison Miotke	Angela Zaccardi

GOLD AWARDS

The Gold Award Seal is given to all seniors who have attended South St. Paul High School and having achieved at least a 3.700 cumulative grade point average during their 9th, 10th, and 11th grades and through their first two trimesters of 12th grade.

Sadie Ahlquist	Molly Ravn
Thomas Asper	Jacqueline Remackel
Claire Clauson	Madeline Schaefer
Justin Hingst	Chloe Schmidt
Elizabeth McCabe	David Vaughan
Elizabeth Mellen	Lauren Wilcox
Kendra Pankow	Felicia Wolf
Jack Pietruszewski	Angela Zaccardi

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY - 2012 INDUCTEES

When the National Honor Society was founded in 1921, the hope was to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. The ideals of scholarship, character, service and leadership remain as relevant today as they were in 1921.

Sadie Ahlquist	Kendra Pankow
Grant Amelse	Jack Pietruszewski
Thomas Asper	Justin Prince
Donald Bystrom	Wyatt Pugh
Abigail Chapdelaine	Molly Ravn
Megan Counihan	Jacqueline Remackel
Marissa Escobedo	Joseph Rowan
Nathan Finken	Daniel Sauro
Michael Garfield	Madeline Schaefer
Emily Hagen	Alicia Sethre
Alisia Macioch	Anna Simon
Elizabeth McCabe	David Vaughan
Wainy Melake	Brianna Willard
Elizabeth Mellen	Felicia Wolf
Emily Morris	Angela Zaccardi
Andrew Ness	Micaela Ziebell
Celeste Nitti	

IB CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES

Sidhhi Bhakta
Courtney Gutzman
Stephanie Halvorson
Alisia Macioch
Molly Ravn
Jacqueline Remackel
Joseph Rowan
Alicia Sethre

DID YOU KNOW?

THE FLIPPED CLASSROOM

The Flipped Classroom concept is growing in South St. Paul and schools nationwide. The flipped classroom concept inverts traditional teaching methods by delivering instruction online outside of class via teacher-created videos and interactive lessons and moving the "homework" into the classroom. Research and data strongly suggests success in this model as students are not sitting at home frustrated as they try to work through math problems or other areas of academics. These lessons are reinforced in class with the instructor available to work through areas of difficulty.

For more information on the Flipped Classroom concept, contact Jane Stassen, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at (651) 457-9416 or jstassen@sspps.org



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- May 10 **Blacklight Dance**
 Grades 9-12 (HS)
 8:00 p.m.
- May 13 **Board of Education Meeting** (City Hall)
 7:15 p.m.
- May 16 **6th Grade All City Band Concert** (KEC)
- May 17-18 **Theater Production**
Ramona Quimby
 Grades 9 -12 (HS)
 7:00 p.m.
- May 21 **Choir Concert**
 Grades 7-12 (HS)
 7:00 p.m.
- May 22 **Early Dismissal**
 District-Wide
- May 23 **Live Talent Show**
 Lincoln Center
- May 27 **No School**
 District-Wide
- May 28 **Band Concert**
 Grade 7-12 (HS)
 7:00 p.m.

JUNE

- June 3-4 **All School Celebration**
 6th Grade Exhibit (KEC)
- June 4 **CLC Graduation Ceremony** (KEC)
 6:30 p.m.
- June 5 **Secondary Finals**
 (Hours 1, 3, & 5)
- June 6 **Last Day for Students Secondary Finals**
 (Hours 2, 4 & 6)
- Graduation 2013**
 Ettinger Field
 7:30 p.m.
- June 7 **Kids' Choice Program**
 Closed
- June 10 **Board of Education Meeting** (City Hall)
 7:15 p.m.
- June 11 **Youth Packer Pad 2013**
 Program Begins
- Kids Choice Summer 2013**
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- July 8 **Board of Education Meeting** (City Hall)
 7:15 p.m.
- July 23 **Board of Education Meeting** (City Hall)
 7:15 p.m.
- July 25-27 **Community Musical**
Willy Wonka (HS)
 7:00 p.m.
- July 28 **Community Musical**
Willy Wonka (HS)
 2:00 p.m.

Summer Vacation

For more information, please contact the South St. Paul Secondary Activities Hotline at 651-457-9419.