

RESIDENT DISTRICT 282



The Mystery of Edwin Drood, a murder mystery musical where the audience decides the ending, captured the curiosity of all in November.

Winter 2022

WINTER 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December 20

School Board Work Session (7 p.m.)

December 21 - January 2

Winter break

January 3, 2023

School Board Regular Meeting

January 16, 2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - no school for students, All District Staff training

January 17, 2023

School Board Work Session (7 p.m.)

January 26, 2023

Final day of semester 1

January 27, 2023

No school for students

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](https://www.letsgohuskies.com).

It's an incredible story, with a storied history.

Both girls and boys soccer teams advanced to state championships at U.S. Bank Stadium in November where they both played St. Paul Academy. They were equally rivaled teams competing for the state title.

In a huge win, the girls soccer team won the first ever state championship in any girls' sport in SAVHS history. The boys soccer team, playing immediately after the girls, took second place at state.

"It's exciting not just for the girls program, but for all students and for the entire community," Sue Pawlyshyn, the girl's soccer head coach said. "With other things that the community has gone through, it's so fun to share this with everyone"

It's hard to believe that until only six years ago, St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools didn't have a standalone soccer program. It was a co-op program with Spring Lake Park School District.

2017 was the first year of SAVHS soccer for the boys and girls teams, with some students having only started soccer recently. June McGrath, goalie for the girls, started playing just two years ago.

"The journey for how we got there was amazing. No one knew who we were, now everybody does," Sam Mann, boys soccer head coach, said.



Thank you, parents/guardians and community members for answering the call

Our community continues to show up in ways that amaze me. In late October we sent a letter explaining the need our district had for substitute teachers and other positions. We had 13 people answer the call. This translates into more opportunities for our staff to take time off when needed, while also keeping our students learning in our classrooms.



“Thank you for supporting our schools, staff and students. We are grateful beyond words.”

Dr. Renee Corneille
Superintendent



Coffee and Chat with the Superintendent

We want to hear from you! The district is hosting a series of Coffee and Chat events, where Superintendent Dr. Renee Corneille and a member of the school board will give the community a space to share about anything district-related. We'll provide the coffee, you provide the conversation!

Interested? Please join us on any of these dates:

Monday, Jan. 9, 9-11 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 23, 9-11 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25, 9-11 a.m.

Location

St. Anthony Council Chambers located at 3301 Silver Lake Road



Follow us today for stories on how we are #EverBrighter!



Work at St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools

Our staff – a team of about 350 people – take great pride in the work they do. We have a number of open positions including substitute teachers, bus drivers, food service personnel and a health aid substitute. Support the great work of St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools and apply today.

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SANB launches Facebook page

We're happy to finally be a part of the digital community and look forward to connecting with everyone! Connect with us if you have questions or would like to share some awesome news about our amazing students in our small, caring school district.

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8th grade SAMS students built community and relationships at retreat

The 8th graders at St. Anthony Middle School experienced three days of outdoor adventures and learning at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Lanesboro. Students learned about wildlife ecology and survival skills. They built community and relationships while taking positive risks to learn how to be adaptable and flexible in a different learning environment. Thank you to the teachers and supervisors who made this environmental education field trip possible!

EVER BRIGHTER STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Paul and Sue Pawlyshyn win the Minnesota's Small School Coach of the Year award

Paul and Sue, coaches for the St. Anthony girls soccer team, were recognized as Minnesota's Small School Coach of the Year! Their hard work and dedication not only to the program but to the students and high school soccer overall has been exemplary. Great work!



Paul and Sue will now move forward in the process by being nominated for the regional award.

Minda Gomez, Wilshire Park teacher, writes bilingual books for students

Minda Gomez's newest book "The Arctic Quest" mixes fantasy with reality, using Spanish words and Mexican culture to shape the narrative. She uses these books as a way to chase her childhood dream of becoming a writer and illustrator, and also to introduce new worlds and words to students. The books are published in both English and Spanish.



Thank you for following your dreams, Minda! We're grateful for your presence at SANB.

Ever WE ARE 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.

Julius's story is just one example of the incredible lives our students lead in and outside of school and how allowing students to be their authentic selves allows them to find their **brilliance, voice** and **purpose**.

We believe that each student has intrinsic value that goes beyond traditional classroom instruction. We believe in the brilliance of each student and embrace them with audacious love and uncommon trust.

We are a community and district united as a family. With inspiring students like Julius, we are Ever Brighter.

Julius Mims and the *power of one voice*

Being one of seven children, Julius' perspective of life is sometimes different from others. With the many priorities and responsibilities of his family life, he has always felt the need to place others' needs before his own. That worldview flows over into school life.

A leader in his senior class, community and family, a member of the student council, and change-advocate for students from all different backgrounds, Julius Mims is featured here for his work on curating student voice and using his life experiences to shape his learning at St. Anthony Village High School.

For the love of connection and change

One of the biggest benefits of attending St. Anthony Village High School, to Julius, is the connectivity of the students. "It's probably the greatest the school has ever seen because most of the kids who went to the school have been together since elementary." Julius has been a student at St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools since 4th grade.

When it comes to student-led change, Julius helps to lead the charge, especially when it comes to social events.

"At football games, I usually lead the student section in cheers. Sometimes it's difficult because a lot of people

don't see the reason to go out when their peers don't do it too," Julius said.

In this, Julius believes that to make a difference in schools, it takes proactivity in the groups that are working towards a solution.

"School is all about making the active choice to have fun, to have the perspective that you have the choice to make your time at school the best it can be," Julius said.

In addition to being involved in social activities, Julius also takes advantage of the connections he has to other grades. His sister is a junior and his brother a freshman. Julius recognized that the current sophomore grade (then freshmen) didn't have quite the same experience coming into the high school as other grades did, due to the pandemic. Julius actively reached out to those groups to "create a melting pot of ideas, with all voices being heard and coming together to create the best one." He wishes other students would do the same, creating a more unified community between each grade level.



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- Julius Mims

Do you feel prepared after walking out of the classroom?

To have a rigorous learning experience is to have a deep understanding of any subject that transforms factual information into usable knowledge. Relevant learning is stronger when the abstract material is made concrete and personal.

Julius exemplifies how we want our students to view their learning experience at St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools. Good grades are just the tip of the iceberg.

"I think doing well in school isn't just a measure of your grades but a measure of the learning that you're doing. Not necessarily in a strict educational sense, but in a life understanding sense," Julius said.

When a student can take the material they've learned in class, make it relevant to their personal life experiences and bring it out of the classroom into real life, we have then achieved true learning.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Julius' love of nature, especially plants. He wants to combine his love for plants into his possible college career as an civil engineer with an environmental focus.

"One thing that particularly sparked my interest in engineering was my environmental education science class last year." His class went on a trip to the Mississippi watershed, and it opened his eyes as to what is possible when little changes are made with big impact.

Curating student voice and choice

The earlier you introduce a student to a broad variety of topics, the sooner they will find their passion. Julius is all about trying to find new ways to get different perspectives heard.

"It's important for students who might not have the facilities to get one of their opinions or needs voiced, if at the very least I can get what you need said to the person who needs to hear it, that feels like a task that someone needs to take responsibility for," Julius said. "If that needs to be me, I can do that."

Over the years, St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools has created new inclusive practices that have allowed all students to show up authentically. For example, during Ramadan, the district creates a separate space for students practicing the fast, a practice that Julius mentions is a "step in the right direction, but obviously, we could be doing more."

A suggestion for administration? Create an African American literature class.

"As our student body becomes more and more diverse those classes should be accessible. There are tons of uncredited politicians, historians, really important historical figures, that aren't white, that get a lot of their credit taken away. This change can help."

Julius' story is just one example of the incredible lives our students lead in and outside of school. By allowing students to engage with others at the heart level, staff open up possibilities for students to be their authentic selves. Our staff and leadership teams see students for who they are, not how they perform academically in class or activities. We hope that the perspective shift in how students view school curriculum will extend to others, leading to students finding their brilliance, voice and choice at St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools.

