

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

COMMUNITY EDUCATION'S COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Community Education classes will continue asking participants to do a personal health screening for COVID-19 symptoms before each class. All staff and participants will be required to wear a mask indoors unless participating in a sports/fitness class. All pod sizes will be 25 or less, and will encourage social distancing when reasonably possible. For our full preparedness plan, please visit the school district website.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TEACHING?

Do you have an interest or hobby that you would like to share with the community? Have you ever thought about teaching a class? If you have any questions about becoming a teacher or have a class suggestion, please contact Heidi Dehmer, Youth & Adult Enrichment Coordinator, at heidid@mystma.org.

YOUTH & ADULT ENRICHMENT HAPPENINGS

We are very excited to be offering classes this fall both in-person and online! Classes will be added throughout the fall season. Please keep checking the website at stma.ce.eleyo.com for class offering updates & additional added classes. We are keeping up with social distance guidelines and have safety protocols in place for our enrichment. Boys Basketball for grades 5 and 6 begins October 29. Boys Basketball for grades 1-4 begins in January.



Some middle schoolers enjoying Yarn Club!

PEACHJAR FLYERS

Peachjar is a way for us to send email flyers to families to advertise new upcoming classes or important district information. These flyers can be sent out specifically for a certain grade or to all schools. If you do not receive the Peachjar flyers at this time, contact Heidi Dehmer, Youth & Adult Enrichment Coordinator, at heidid@mystma.org and she can help you enroll.

FACILITY RENTALS

We are happy to be safely welcoming groups back into our buildings this fall! All groups are required to provide COVID-19 preparedness plans and must adhere to the district's safety policies. We are also beginning to accept dome rental requests for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in renting turf or batting cage space for your organization this fall and winter, please email Jina Houts at: jinah@mystma.org for more information.

DOMES ATTENDANTS

We will be hiring Dome Attendants this fall- please keep an eye out for the job postings on the school district website or watch for the hiring posters in the entryway outside the Activity Center Office. You must be at least 16 years old to apply.



We love our ECFE Families! We ended the year with a drive-by parade celebration last spring.

KIDS PLAY IS HIRING!

We are looking for a nine-month Paraprofessional position from 6:45am-3:15pm to provide childcare. Applicants must be 18 years old and have HS diploma/GED. Experience preferred but not necessary. Please apply online through the school district website.

ECFE: EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

Early learning looks a bit different this year! We are excited to welcome families back into the building for in-person classes. Many changes will be seen including smaller classes sizes, sanitation stations, socially distanced furniture, and limited toys. We are following all guidelines set by MDE and MDH to provide a safe and healthy environment for all! If in-person learning isn't possible for families, ECFE has online options too! We have storytimes to promote early literacy skills, parent discussions, gross motor breaks, infant classes, and more!

Not everything is different however - you will still find the same dedicated and creative staff planning fun and unique activities this fall. Children will experience developmentally appropriate lessons and parents will find the support and camaraderie needed during these times. Join us at the Community Education Center or online! Please send questions to Coordinator Jane Helgestad at janeh@mystma.org.



ST. MICHAEL-ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

EXCELLENCE IS OUR TRADITION

KNIGHT VIEW

DISTRICT NEWS

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to students, staff, families, and community members for their support and partnership as we navigated the last few turbulent months together. I have lived in the community for 27 years and I couldn't be prouder of the STMA community. I am inspired and motivated by the strength, perseverance, and strong commitment to children exhibited in this community.

I want to reassure you that while the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly altered how we teach and learn, our deep commitment to students and our strong tradition of excellence remain strong. Despite arduous challenges, we have comprehensive plans in place for the school year to continue our tradition of excellence while ensuring the health and safety of students and staff. In partnership with our supportive families, generous community, and extraordinary staff, we will continue to produce self-directed learners, purposeful thinkers, effective communicators, and responsible citizens. This strong partnership and deep level of trust among stakeholders prepares us for a better tomorrow.

Together we will get through this. Now more than ever, we are committed to our vision statement which reflects our promise to educate the whole student: We will be the pride of our community – with continued top rankings in academics, arts, activities,

athletics, and resource management. In our quest to realize our vision, we are guided by our core values. They are an integral part of who we are and what we are all about. They guide us in the work we do each day, including:

- We are committed to students first.
- We provide exceptional educational opportunities.
- We have extraordinary and caring staff.
- We offer a solid return on investment.
- We foster community pride.

While there is much uncertainty in the world, I am certain of this: Our team is ready for whatever lies ahead and energized about new possibilities and opportunities. As we navigate the coming weeks and months together, we greatly appreciate your grace, trust, and partnership. I look forward to seeing you in the community as we work collaboratively to create a better tomorrow for our students, our families, and our community. Take care and be safe. #knightspride

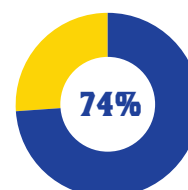


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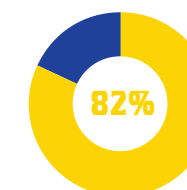
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74% of STMA Graduates are enrolling in Post-Secondary Education



23.66 AVG. ACT ACT Composite score average of 23.66 (Statewide is 21.38)



82% of Advanced Placement students met the AP benchmark



4,460 HOURS Last year, HS students completed more than 4,460 hours of community service



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St. Michael-Albertville School District

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SCHOOL NEWS

ALBERTVILLE PRIMARY

**A new school year!
The same, but different.**

Welcome to kindergarten and preschool at Albertville Primary! This fall brought many changes in terms of how we view the classroom. Current safety precautions may have us wearing masks and physically spread apart, but students are unfazed and are happy to be at school learning! Together with families, we can accomplish anything!



A view of kindergarten students learning in their classroom.

FIELDSTONE ELEMENTARY

Music and Movement

The students in Mrs. Solum's 2nd grade class enjoyed participating in music class outside with their music teacher Mrs. Mattice. Mrs. Mattice is holding her music class outside as often as she can, weather permitting. The students are having fun in the new music environment.

BIG WOODS ELEMENTARY

What an incredible journey! I am so proud of our students at Big Woods. Our students are following our guidelines, engaging with our staff, and working so hard. Each day, our teachers are going above and beyond to provide education in many different ways. Thank you, parents, for your constant support.

KNIGHTS ACADEMY

Each year the MAAP Organization chooses an Alternative Student of the Year. The student chosen this year was Parker from the ALP! To be chosen, a student must demonstrate outstanding dedication, service, and commitment to the impact, values, and mission of learning options and have made significant individual progress, contributed to their program, MAAP, and the community.



Knights Academy ALP student and MAAP STARS Student of the Year (2019-2020) Parker Dircz. Congratulations, Parker!



Students in Ms. Wagner's classroom find a space outdoors to continue their lesson.

ST. MICHAEL ELEMENTARY

School has started and there is a lot different, from new lunch and recess procedures to masks and 6 feet apart. Regardless, our staff continues to provide high-quality education for students. Our staff is working together to make sure each student is learning at home or in school, and we appreciate what everyone is doing to make it a great start to the school year.



Mrs. Berning is teaching a music lesson to our students using an outside area near the school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST

Middle school teachers have worked extremely hard this school year to create strong relationships with students, find creative ways to teach students both at school and at home, and adjust their classrooms to meet their unique needs.



Mrs. Van Beusekom teaches her students outside on a gorgeous day.

We are fortunate to have an amazing teaching staff that is excited to work with our students each and every day!

HIGH SCHOOL

We want to publicly recognize all of our staff that have made opening the doors to St. Michael-Albertville High School possible. Countless hours have gone into preparing for our students by our teaching staff, custodians, kitchen staff, paraprofessionals, secretaries, and other support staff. We are grateful to each group for making this monumental undertaking possible!

MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST

What an amazing start at the middle level to such a different school year! A special shoutout to our WEB Leaders, Knight Ambassadors, and Advisors for both groups who embraced the virtual and social distancing challenge to ensure that all new students to our school were welcomed with true Knight's Pride and enthusiasm!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SPOTLIGHT THEATER FINALIST

Congrats to 2020 Graduate **Sam Brown** on being a finalist for the 2020 Technical Theater Excellence Award through Spotlight Theater. Sam was a vital member of our Theater Technical Staff throughout her high school career and we wish her well moving forward!

THREE-ACT PLAY

The Theatre Department moved the Three-Act Play to this fall and will perform Alice in Wonderland November 13-15. The performance will be streamed if in-person attendance is not an option.

FALL ACTIVITIES

Fall Activities, with the exception of football and volleyball, began as scheduled on August 17.



From left to right, Sam Brown, Lillian Albrecht, and Cobin Szymanski

While the fall looked different, it was great to see our coaches/advisors working with our students again!

FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL

Football and Volleyball began their season on September 28 after originally being moved to the spring of 2021. Students in these activities were excited to have the opportunity to compete this fall.

NATIONAL DEBATE

Congratulations to 2020 Senior **Lillian Albrecht** and 2021 Senior **Cobin Szymanski** for placing 7th in Public Forum at the National Speech and Debate Tournament in June. Cobin and Lillian lost out in the 14th round of competition during the virtual competition.

STREAMING ACTIVITIES

Due to the unknowns with COVID and in person attendance at some activities, STMA has joined many others in the Lake Conference in joining the NFHS Network for streaming. See our website for information.

AV CLUB

Students in our Audiovisual (AV) Club continue to do a great job helping STMA fans see our students in action this year. Students create graphics and produce many of our streams that fans are able to see.

APPAREL

The STMA Community has many great local options for STMA Apparel, including the STMA High School Store.



Another option is the 24/7 online store through BSN. Visit stmaknights.com for more information.

ELIGIBILITY MEETINGS

The fall eligibility meeting was done virtually through slides and information sent via email and posted online. Look for emails in the coming weeks from the STMA Activities Department with information regarding Winter and Spring.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

We continue to work towards offering all of our activities for the 2020-2021 school year. This means some activities will compete virtually, some in person, and some having both as an option. We still encourage our students to get involved! #knightspride



STAFF NEWS

STMA SCHOOLS IS AWARDED STAR TRIBUNE TOP 150 EMPLOYER

"Be Part of the Tradition"

In June, STMA School District was recognized by the StarTribune as one of the top 150 workplaces in the state! STMA was one of only three school districts nominated.

Employers were recognized based on the overall survey results of a broad cross-section of all its employees.

At STMA, we know that our teachers and support staff are essential ingredients of the district's long-term success and the STMA school district is now a regional destination school district and employer of choice for education and school professionals. Our entire staff make a difference in the lives of students every day!

Another amazing fact about STMA is that we are also one of the largest regional employers with an overall staff count of approximately 450 teachers and 400 support staff.

Thank you for everything you do everyday for our students!

Did you know that throughout last spring STMA Schools retained all of its permanent non-probationary staff throughout the entire school year? In turn, STMA staff taught and supported over 6500 students learning from home, provided meals, cleaned and maintained our schools, and provided childcare to emergency workers. Thank you, STMA staff!

Be Part of the Tradition and join the STMA team! STMA now has permanent openings in maintenance, food service, paraprofessional support, and childcare. If you are looking for flexibility, STMA is also hiring substitute teachers and support staff. For more information, visit the district website or call Human Resources at 763-497-6500, option 5, option 3.

In other news, and as we start an exciting new school year, STMA is grateful for the continued long-term service

and support of our staff. This school year we have 33 STMA staff members being recognized for 10, 20, 30, and even 40 years of service!

These individuals represent a combined 650 years of service to STMA. The long tenure and day-to-day dedication of these outstanding school professionals impacts thousands of students and families over the course of a school career.

A special thank you and acknowledgement to the following STMA staff members:

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Emily DuChene
Noelle Vogt
Sarah Massmann
Douglas Hiltner
Michael Frank
Lori Leathers
Blair Huggins

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Rachel Johnson
Diane Onerheim
Sara Fischbach
Sandra Carlson
Yvette Herian

Mary Johnson
Shelly Zahler
Becky Robinson
Keith Cornell
Kimberly Benson
Kelly Bovee
Jolene Herfel
Keith Kuhn
Matthew Rooker
Anne Zahler
Kimberly Campbell
Paul Jeffrey

Gerald Bade
Julie Smith
Kent Hamre
Michelle Weber
Judy Mosher

30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Julie Bauman
Lisa Sukalski

40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Gregg Greeno

