

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

INSTRUCTORS WANTED!

Do you have a passion for technology, cooking, music, or other talents? Community Education is in need of your talents to share with children or adults. Any age or skill level welcome, no prerequisite to teaching needed. We welcome creative ideas and energetic people. Teach a class after school or in the evening. Contact **Brandii Thomas** at brandiit@mystma.org.

NEW ADULT PROGRAMS

STMA Community Education is rolling out new adult programming! We will be introducing new adult painting, pottery, jewelry making, candy making, and more! Also be sure to check out the new fitness programs this year including Dance Fitness, Personal Training, and Cardio Mix.

YOUTH ENRICHMENT HAPPENINGS

Fall Enrichment programs are accepting registrations! Classes are filling fast so be sure to check out what is available for your student! We have new programs this fall like Pet Party Craft Class, Winter Wonderland Fairy Gardens, Kinetic Sand Creations, and more! We will be introducing new themed enrichment classes on Saturdays for ages 2-5 too!

PEACHJAR, THE ELECTRONIC BACKPACK

Our school district uses the electronic flier communication tool called PEACHJAR. To view school-approved digital flyers, simply click the Peachjar button on your child's school website homepage. This green initiative will save our schools paper and reduce copy costs. If you have any questions please contact us at 763-497-6550 ext 7.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS HIRING!

Kids Play is hiring for our after school childcare program. To see all Kids Play opportunities see the employment tab on the district website. The Activity Center is also hiring! Contact maryellenb@mystma.org for more information on Activity Center opportunities.

ECFE: EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

ECFE is a program for families with children ages birth to five! We have numerous classes and special events that promote early literacy skills, parent discussions, gross motor, child development, and more! Children will experience developmentally appropriate lessons and parents will find the support and camaraderie needed. Join us at the Community Education Center! Please send questions to Coordinator **Jane Helgestad** at janeh@mystma.org.



Join one of our Saturday Parent/Child Enrichment classes for ages 2-5!

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

There are openings in the afternoon preschool classes for children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2024. The four year olds will practice school readiness skills, make new friends, and work on the transition process to kindergarten. For more information about openings, contact **Jane Helgestad** at janeh@mystma.org.

FACILITY RENTALS

STMA Community Education has hired a new facilities coordinator! To book a district facility space, contact jimm@mystma.org.



ST. MICHAEL-ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

EXCELLENCE IS OUR TRADITION

KNIGHT VIEW

WE ARE STMA!

As the days grow shorter and the air carries a hint of autumn, it is with great excitement that we welcome you back to another school year at STMA Schools. The start of a new academic year is always a special time, filled with endless possibilities and the promise of growth and learning. Whether you are a returning student, a new student, a staff member, a parent, or a community member, we are thrilled to have you as part of our STMA family and tradition of excellence.

STMA is not just a school district; it's a community of dedicated staff members, students, and families working together to create an environment where every student can thrive and develop a love of learning. **But who are we, really?**

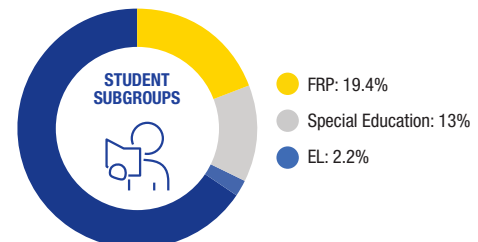
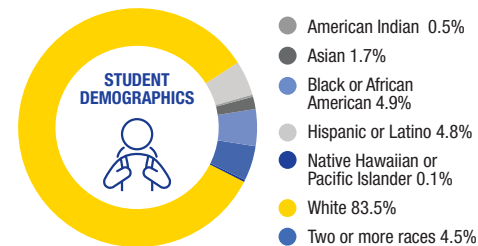
FUN FACTS

454 TOTAL ACRES INCLUDING

- 22 baseball/softball fields
- 22 football/soccer fields
- 21 tennis courts
- 7 playgrounds
- 1 multipurpose dome
- 1 performing arts center
- 1 ice arena

STUDENT NUMBERS

- 607 Grade 10 students (largest grade)
- 509 Class of 2024
- 422 Class of 2036 (kindergarten)



Total Enrollment Pre-K to age 22 = 6,977

672 STUDENTS
Alberville Primary School
 Grades Preschool (250) + kindergarten (422)
 SpecEd Centered Based Program: Quest

649 STUDENTS
Big Woods Elementary
 Grades 1-4
 SpecEd Centered Based Program: Pathways I

602 STUDENTS
Fieldstone Elementary
 Grades 1-4
 SpecEd Centered Based Program: Journeys

590 STUDENTS
St. Michael Elementary
 Grades 1-4
 SpecEd Centered Based Program: Stepping Stones

950 STUDENTS
STMA Middle School East
 Grades 5-8
 SpecEd Centered Based Program: Pathways II, Bridges

1067 STUDENTS
STMA Middle School West
 Grades 5-8
 SpecEd Centered Based Program: RISE

2079 STUDENTS
STMA High School
 Grades 9-12
 SpecEd Centered Based Program: Connections, EBD

45 STUDENTS
Knights Academy
 Grades 9-12
 Alternative Learning Program
 Located in the Community Education Building

211 STUDENTS
STMA Online
 Grades 7-12
 Comprehensive Program (all classes online): 60 students
 Supplemental Program (up to 50% of classes online): 151 students

6 STUDENTS
Wings Program
 6 students
 Transition program for students age 18-22 who need more time to complete the requirements for a high school diploma or learn the skills necessary for employment and adulthood; located at Community Education Building

442 COURSES
Community Education
 Courses offered from birth-adulthood each year

94.4%
 Graduation Rate

73
 Home Languages Spoken By Our Students

35+
 Hometowns

860,000 meals
 Number of meals the School Nutrition Department served (breakfast and lunch) during the 2022-23 school year!

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As we embark on this new educational journey, we are grateful for your continued support and trust. Together, we will make this school year a time of growth, inspiration, and accomplishment. Let's work together to form the foundation upon which our students' futures are built. Let's embrace this new school year with enthusiasm and excitement, knowing that our united efforts will create a better tomorrow for our students. **So, who are we? We Are STMA! Go Knights! #knightspride** – Superintendent Dr. Foucault

SCHOOL NEWS

ALBERTVILLE PRIMARY

Welcome to kindergarten and preschool at Albertville Primary. This fall we welcomed over 670 students to our building! We appreciate our lower class sizes in kindergarten this year as we build relationships with students. We want to thank our families for your patience, partnership, and support at the start of this school year. Here's to a great year!



First day of kindergarten recess.

BIG WOODS ELEMENTARY

Big Woods Elementary started the year off with an incredible week of school. Students were smiling and ready for the year. Over 99% of families participated in Fall Orientation! Our school announcements for the first week focused on cooperation, being kind, and winning the day by helping someone. Our goal is to make sure everyone is looking for a friend to help out. This photo represents what we desire each day.



FIELDSTONE ELEMENTARY

Fieldstone Elementary is an awesome place to learn and grow! We are so proud of our teachers and staff. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of our school! Their enthusiasm for learning is infectious. Their dedication to excellence is evident in the achievements and growth of our students. These wonderful educators can't wait to have another great school year!



ST. MICHAEL ELEMENTARY

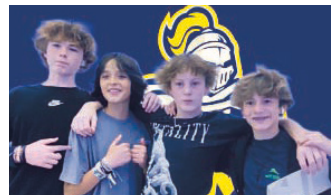
St. Michael Elementary is off to a great start. This year, we have 26 first through fourth grade classrooms, with a total of 590 students. Due to the addition of three new classrooms, our class sizes are reduced from the past few years. Also, we are excited for our playground addition, funded by our wonderful PTO. Overall, we are thrilled for an awesome school year!



Students are enjoying the new playground structure.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST

Students and staff at Middle School East had fun with the new MSE Cube during back-to-school events! 950 students are ready for a great school year!



QUESTIONS? If you have questions about anything you read in this newsletter, please call us at 763-497-3180!

MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST

"Where Everyone Belongs" (WEB) is a program designed to help fifth graders transition into middle school and help them feel comfortable at our great school. Our eighth Grade WEB Leaders were trained to work with incoming fifth graders and helped run our fifth Grade Orientation in August. WEB Leaders will continue to support our fifth graders throughout the year.



KNIGHTS ACADEMY

Knights Academy is looking forward to another exciting school year. The staff at the ALP are all returning and have some new and exciting ideas in mind for this year. We had a great start to the school year with our ALP Open House. Students came back from summer break, were able to get their pictures taken, pick up their schedules, and see the teachers again.



ALP students participating in a team building activity on Day 1.

HIGH SCHOOL

Our theme for this school year is ExperienceSTMA. Our school offers a vibrant student experience that balances academic excellence with diverse extracurriculars. Our dedicated educators are committed to providing a supported student experience that emphasizes community and involvement. We look forward to our continued partnership in your student's education.



STMA ONLINE

STMA Online is looking forward to another amazing school year. We have a few new staff members and are excited to see what they can bring to our school. A BIG change for this year is our pausing of the K-6 Online program. On a positive note, our 7-12 online program is growing and has large numbers for the fall trimester. We look forward to another great year.



Adaptive Bowling State Champs



STMA Softball Advances to State

ADAPTIVE BOWLING

Sophomore **Waseem Ezzaid** was the boys singles state champion in the ASD Division and freshman **Jasmine Brutskiy** was the girls singles state champion in the CI Division! Waseem and Jasmine won their titles on May 12 in Brooklyn Park. Congrats, Waseem and Jasmine and we are excited to have you back this year!

FALL ACTIVITIES

Fall Sports began on August 14 with just under 600 students registered to participate. Students in the Fall Musical, Debate, and Adaptive Activities began early in September. It is great to see so many students getting involved.

MUSICALS

The STMA Musical from last year, *Tuck Everlasting*, was selected to participate in the Spotlight Showcase hosted by Hennepin Theater Trust on June 12. This year's musical, *Newsies*, will be November 9-12. Be sure to check out the show!



SOFTBALL

The STMA Softball team won Section 8AAAA and competed in the State Tournament at

Caswell Park in Mankato. Congratulations to the players and coaches on a great season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls Basketball Coach, **Kent Hamre**, was chosen by the Star Tribune as the 2023 All-Metro Girls' Team Coach of the Year and recognized at the All-Metro Sports Awards Banquet on June 28. Congrats, Coach Hamre!



BAND & CHOIR

The first concerts of the year for the STMA Band and Choir programs will be October 23 in the High School PAC. Be sure to check out these amazing programs.

SPEECH & DEBATE

Junior **Ella Olson** competed in the National Speech & Debate Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona last June participating in Congress. Congratulations Ella on an outstanding season!



STAFF NEWS

STMA is Committed to Providing World Class Staff

The STMA school district is excited to kick-off the 2023-2024 school year with a blend of experienced and new staff committed to placing students first. This school year, STMA will welcome 57 new certified staff members and 34 new support staff members to our world-class team of talented school staff including 451 teachers or certified staff, 342 school support staff, and 34 custodians. We are continuing to focus our district-wide efforts on recruitment and retention of staff in order to serve our growing student population effectively.

District Continues to Invest in World Class Support Staff

Last spring, the district ratified new two-year maintenance and support staff contracts

making targeted investments in our current school support staff while also modifying our pay scale to be more regionally competitive. The district believes this new contract will position the district to be an employer of choice for new school support staff while significantly contributing to the retention of current staff that continue to the students and district stakeholders so well. While the district must continue to operate in an unprecedented labor market, we are committed to identifying pathways and incentives that can attract and retain talent.

Arts, Activities, and Athletics

Our staff are focused on teaching, supporting and empowering our 6,900+ students every day. Of course, when the school day ends the STMA district continues

to invest in character building opportunities for students.

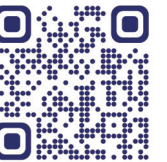
The district now has more than 80 certified staff members, support staff members and community members that dedicate their time on our courts, activity fields, and in our classrooms to lead and coach teams of student participants in our many sports, music and art offerings at the High School and our two middle schools. Coaches and advisors make a difference in the lives of our students every day and STMA continues to invest in one of the most experienced and accomplished coaching staff in Minnesota.

Join Our Team!

Are you interested in coaching one of our many teams or leagues? Or maybe working in one of our buildings as a teacher, paraprofessional, custodian, or food service

worker is more appealing to you? Did you know that you can even drive or ride on a bus with our students if that is more your jam? If a permanent role is not something that you are looking for but could use some extra cash, we are always hiring substitutes in all job classifications as well. We have many opportunities for you to join our team to serve our students.

Scan the QR code below to see our open positions!



Contact Us

To connect with the STMA HR team, please email us at stmahr@mystma.org, call us at 763-497-3180 option 3. We look forward to serving our students, staff, and families this year!

SENIOR CITIZENS

Any St. Michael or Albertville residents who are age 65 and over can pick up a free yearly activity pass by stopping in the Activities Office or the District Office at Middle School West during school hours. Please bring proof of residency.

OPEN POSITIONS!

(scan QR code to see all position opportunities)

- Kids Play Paraprofessionals
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Maintenance and more

