

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

COMMUNITY EDUCATION TURNS 35 THIS YEAR!

As we celebrate, we'd also like you to meet Cameron Goude, our new director. Cameron is replacing **Maryellen Barthel** who began her well-deserved retirement in December. Cameron comes from ROCORI and Robbinsdale districts, and resides in Albertville with his family. We are excited to start another chapter in STMA Community Education.

IDEAS AND INSTRUCTORS WANTED FOR SUMMER

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. Contact **Cameron Goude** at camerong@mystma.org.

ECFE (EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION)

Classes, events, playtimes, and connections for families with children birth-five. Whether you are new to the area or new to parenting, ECFE is for you! Weekly classes include purposeful play, engaging social activities, exploration of arts and crafts, gym time, and parent time. Most classes are mixed-age, but we also have specialized infant and preschool classes. Free sibling care is included. To try a class, contact **Jane Helgestad** at janeh@mystma.org.



STMA Robotics Team is off to a great start!

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

Introduce your child to school routines prior to kindergarten. We have openings for 4 (prior to September 1) year olds at Bright Beginnings! Classes meet 11:30 am-2:00 pm at the Albertville Primary School. Contact Jane if interested at janeh@mystma.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Screening connects you and your child to programs, answers questions and provides resources to support health growth and development. Early Childhood Screening is a FREE service for all children. It is best to complete screening between 3 and 4 years of age so any identified health or developmental concerns can be addressed sooner. Screenings are scheduled for February 26-28, March 19-20, April 25-26, and May 20-22.

Go to <https://stma.ce.eleyo.com> to schedule an appointment.

Please contact **Lindy Legatt** at ecscreening@mystma.org or call 763-497-6528

NEW! HIGH SCHOOL INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Introducing the newest and most inclusive extracurricular activity for high school students: our brand-new Intramural Sports Program! Our new program offers a wide range of sports and activities designed to cater to all interests and skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or a newcomer to the world of sports, our Intramural Sports Program provides the perfect platform for you to get involved and have a blast. From traditional team sports like flag football and volleyball to unique and

unconventional options like pickleball and spikeball, we have something for everyone. Get ready to show your school spirit, form new friendships, and become a part of something truly special. Seasons are looking to start in January! Contact **Colin Downs** with ideas or questions at colind@mystma.org.

ACTIVITY CENTER

Adults over 62 years old can walk for FREE on the upper track at the Activity Center. Individual and family memberships are available for purchase at the High School Activity Center. The Activity Center has 8 courts, baseball/softball cages, a fitness center and an indoor walking track. Memberships are available online at stmaactivitycenter.recdesk.com or at the Activity Center Office. For information, contact **Colin Downs** at colind@mystma.org or call the Activity Center at 763-497-6541.

STMA DOME

The STMA Dome is up and running at the high school athletic stadium. For rental information, please contact **Jim Mauss** at jimm@mystma.org.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Our Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language classes are back in full swing. We have morning and evening opportunities to accommodate all learners, and all of our classes are FREE to attend. No pre-registration required. Thinking about a GED? Contact the main office for more information at 763-497-6550.



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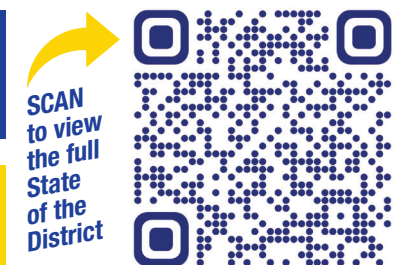
EXCELLENCE IS OUR TRADITION

KNIGHT VIEW

STATE OF THE DISTRICT



We proudly serve 6,891 students from Pre K - Age 22

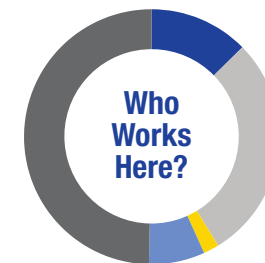


How many of our students meet or exceed state standards?

Reading 63.9%
Math 62.7%
Science 54.6%

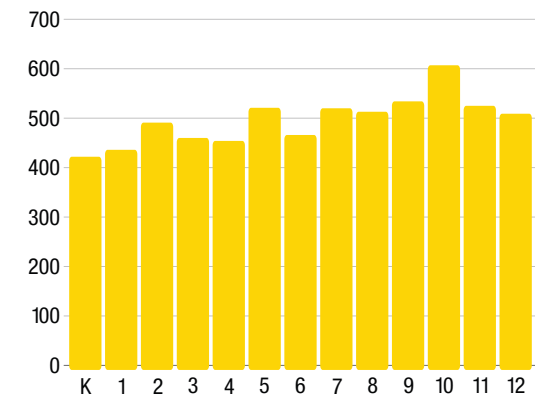
How do these rankings compare statewide?

Reading top 7.4%
Math top 5.7%
Science top 7.7%



Source: Minnesota Dept of Ed

2023-2024 Enrollment By Grade

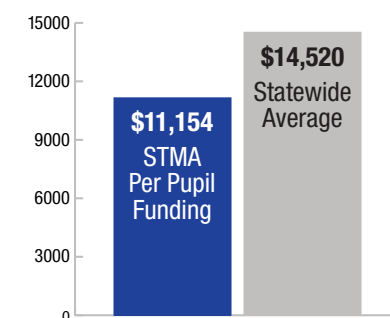


What Is Our Financial Outlook?

Five Year Forecast

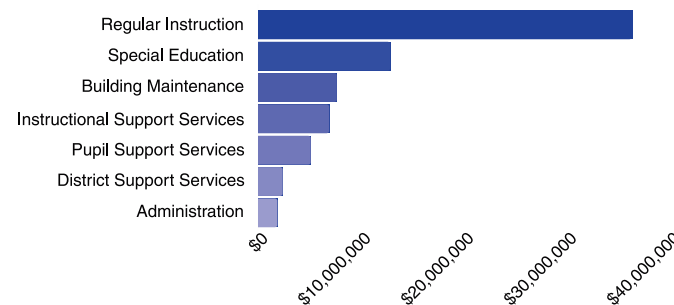
GENERAL FUND	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	79,872,249	81,156,617	83,140,937	85,053,680	86,283,368
Expenditures	79,429,556	83,059,417	86,733,621	90,481,266	94,303,820
Spending Variance	442,693	(1,902,800)	(3,592,684)	(5,427,586)	(8,020,452)
Estimated Fund Balance					
Unassigned Fund Balance %	15.36%	12.00%	6.95%	0.28%	-8.63%

How Does Our Funding Compare?*



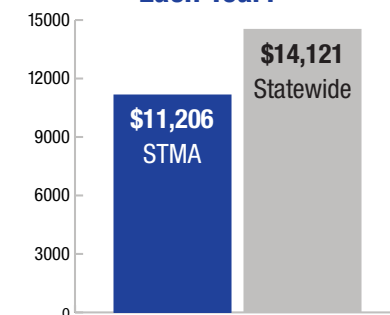
How Is Our Money Spent?*

Per Student Spending By Program Category



We Rank 322/328 in MN in Per Pupil Funding
Source: Schools for Equity in Education

How Much is Spent Per Student Each Year?*



*Source: 2022 Audited Financial Statements

SCHOOL NEWS

ALBERTVILLE PRIMARY

Parents of Primaries (POPS) Meeting: A place for your voice to be heard!

Albertville Primary hosts 4 POPS meetings a year. While phone calls and emails are always welcome, this is an opportunity for the principal to connect directly with families. At these meetings, families hear about upcoming events, but more importantly give valuable feedback and input directly to the principal. Please consider attending one of our upcoming meetings.



Conference meals provided by POPS. Upcoming meetings are February 13 and April 9 at 6PM.

BIG WOODS ELEMENTARY

Big Woods welcomes the community in many different ways. Hundreds of grandparents and family members attended lunch together in the annual Grandparents and Friends Lunch. Also, students in 1st and 2nd grade had the opportunity to listen to our amazing Crow River Readers.



Thank you STMA community for all your support and dedication to the students at Big Woods Elementary School.

FIELDSTONE ELEMENTARY

Fieldstone Elementary Pledges Against Bullying!

During the month of October, our school focused on kindness, friendship, and respect. All of our students and staff signed a pledge to be "A Kid Against Bullying."



ST. MICHAEL ELEMENTARY

Kids Invite Someone Special Breakfast

During the week of November 13, St. Michael Elementary hosted a Kids Invite Someone Special breakfast for all grade levels. Students were able to bring someone special to have breakfast with them. We had great attendance and many positive comments from our guests. A special thank you to all who drove from far away to attend this great event.



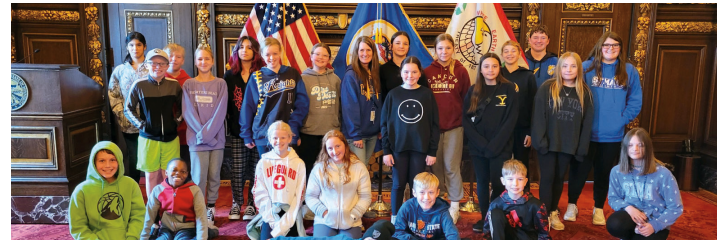
MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST

Middle School East students have enjoyed a strong start to the school year along with Activity Nights for both 5/6 Grades and 7/8 Grades.



MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST

Middle School West 6th Grade students visit the Minnesota State Capitol & Fort Snelling. This trip enhanced important learning standards and gave an excellent visual of government function and history.



HIGH SCHOOL

Our 2023-24 theme of student experience is shaping an intentional and positive start to our school year. From fostering strong connections to the exciting events that our scholars can participate in, students are experiencing a great blend of meaningful opportunities. We trust that this approach ensures a fulfilling and engaging year. Go Knights!

KNIGHTS ACADEMY

At the ALP, we put an emphasis on relationships and team building. We have a great relationship with the National Guard. Every year they bring a rock wall out for the ALP students to climb.



Above is a picture of 3 ALP students racing up the rock wall.

How Do We Compare?

- #1 Best School District in Wright County
- #14 of 361 Best School District in Minnesota
- #781 of 10,932 Best School District in America
- #5 of 321 in Best School District for Athletes in Minnesota
- #24 of 374 Best Places to Teach in Minnesota

Source: *niche.com*

STMA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The school district continues to look for interested individuals in maintenance, child care, and food service. Flexible and full-time opportunities are available. For more information, visit the school district Human Resources web page.

SENIOR CITIZENS

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

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Newsies cast and crew



State qualifying boys soccer team

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Congratulations to junior Lily Van Heel who won 2 individual State Championships at the State Swim & Dive meet at the University of Minnesota on November 18. Lily won the 200 IM in a time of 2:01.43 and also the 100 backstroke for the 2nd straight year. Congrats, Lily, on an amazing season!



EXCEL AWARD



Juniors **Davin Dufner** and **Claire Kvant** were selected as this year's ExCEL Award

recipients from STMA. These two are leaders within our school, participate in MSHSL activities, and volunteer within the community. Great job, Davin and Claire!

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Girls Cross Country team for winning the Section 8AAA meet. The very young team finished 11th in the State Meet at the U of M. Congrats to our girls and coaches.



FALL MUSICAL

The Theater Department performed the fall musical, *Newsies*, for large crowds from November 9-12. The cast, crew, pit, and directors did an amazing job with this classic. Great job by all!

BOYS SOCCER

The Boys Soccer team won its 2nd straight Section 8AAA title 2-1 over Sartell. The team lost to eventual State Champion Wayzata in the State Tournament. Great season by all!

GIRLS SOCCER

The Girls Soccer team also won its 2nd straight Section 8AAA title 2-0 over Buffalo. The team had a great 1st round matchup in State losing to State Champion Edina 4-2.

Amazing state game and season! Well done, girls and coaches.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2023 was held the week of September 18. The football game had perfect weather helping to bring in a huge crowd and the Student Council and NHS planned a variety of events for our students to take part in. Homecoming 2024 will be the week of September 23-28.

NHS SERVICE

The NHS participated in their annual Trick or Can event on Halloween night collecting items for the Hanover Food Shelf. They also held their semi-annual roadside cleanup on October 4. Thank you to our NHS for serving in our community.

STAFF NEWS

Recognizing Our World Class Staff

The vision of STMA Schools is brought alive everyday by the actions of our dedicated staff members. Our world class staff strives everyday to create excellence for our students.

This fall, Resource Training and Solutions recognized eight staff members who were nominated by their peers for their outstanding service and leadership through the LEEA and ESS Awards.

LEEA Awards

The Leadership in Educational Excellence Awards (LEEA) recognize licensed educators who set the example for their fellow educators, students, and the greater community through their commitment to education. We are proud to recognize the following educators:

LeAnn Wimmer: Ms. Wimmer is a math teacher at Middle School West.

Wendy Rehnstrand: Ms. Rehnstrand serves as a speech language pathologist at Albertville Primary.

Gayle Dahlke: Ms. Dahlke teaches 2nd grade at St. Michael Elementary.

David Burr: Mr. Burr serves the district as a language arts teacher at the St. Michael- Albertville High School.



LEEA award winners

ESS Awards
The Educational Support Staff Recognition Awards (ESS) honor the vital support

staff who enable the mission of STMA Schools everyday through their knowledge, commitment, and dedication to creating a safe learning environment for every student. We are proud to recognize the following educational support staff:

Emily Lehn: Ms. Lehn is an early childhood family education paraprofessional at the Community Education Center.

Judy Stahlmann-Mosher: Ms. Stahlmann-Mosher is a special education paraprofessional at St. Michael Elementary.

Jody Johanson: Ms. Johanson is the administrative assistant at Middle School West.

Terry Dehmer: Mr. Dehmer serves as a special education paraprofessional at Albertville Primary.



ESS award winners

Become a substitute educator and impact the next generation of community leaders! Apply at: <https://stma.tedk12.com/hire>

Upcoming Substitute Information Sessions:

- **Tuesday, February 6, 2024**
3:45pm - 5:15pm
- **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**
3:45pm - 5:15pm

Location: School Board Room, inside Middle School West

Please reach out to the STMA HR team with questions: stmahr@mystma.org