**Advisory/lunch changes starting March 21, 2022**

Starting Monday 3/21 - All students should report to advisory for the first half of their advisory period, then lunch will be the second half of the period. Students can check with their advisory teacher if they have any questions. [The full Como Park Senior High schedule is available online here](#).

*Important information regarding attendance*

Beginning March 7, the EPG attendance code will no longer be used for students who stay home from in-person learning due to risk of exposure to COVID-19. On March 7, schools shall document these types of absences as unexcused (AUN), unless there are extenuating circumstances.

**ACT Update**

ACT Makeup date is March 29th. Students will be testing primarily in the gym and fieldhouse. Students need to bring: Photo ID, calculator, and water bottle. A snack will be provided and lunch will be after the students have finished testing. Cell phones are not allowed and will be turned off and stored in backpacks. Any questions? Ask Jamie Hoffman in the front office or email at [jamie.hoffman@spps.org](mailto:jamie.hoffman@spps.org).

**Stress Re-leaf in Spring**

Check out these tips to grow your resiliency with Change to Chill

Click [here](#) for more information.
Como Park Theater Presents:

Disney
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
ON STAGE!

Friday March 18th at 7pm
Saturday March 19th at 2pm & 7pm
Students: $5  Adults $7
See tinyurl.com/ComoParkTheater for more information
35 of our CPSHS MCJROTC cadets departed at 5am on Saturday, 3-5-2022 for a four-hour road trip Northwest to Fargo, North Dakota to compete against seven other JROTCs in what is known as the 2022 Annual Fargo South High School Juggernauts Sports Competition. Cadets participated in Boccer, Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee, Basketball, Volleyball, Flickerball, and a final relay race. Having dominated the volleyball championship, they did however fall short of the overall trophy win. Sportsmanship and spirit were high. Well done JROTC cadets.

College Visit Field Trip - College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University
On Monday, March 1st, Get Ready! brought 40 students to the College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University for a college visit. Students were able to connect with college admission counselors, take a campus tour, enjoy lunch on campus, and hear from a panel of current St. Ben’s & St. John’s students about their college journey. Congratulations to the 9 Como Seniors who participated in the visit and have also received an offer of admission to St. Ben’s & St. John’s for fall 2022!
College Visit Field Trip - Minnesota State University, Mankato

In collaboration with Get Ready!, the 11th grade cadets of Sergeant Major Kirkland’s class organized and executed a college visit field trip to Minnesota State University Mankato on March 3, 2022. The students had the wonderful opportunity to connect with staff and students, participate in a campus tour, enjoy lunch on campus, and engage in a number of team building activities. Way to go, Cougars!
Como Career & Trade Fair

Through the collaborative efforts of the Career Pathway Center, Counseling Department, Get Ready! and members of the Como Community Access Partners (CAP) committee, Como Park Senior High School was able to host a very successful Career and Trade Fair on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. We were very pleased to have had 29 different organizations represented at the Career & Trade Fair this year. Some organizations had multiple staff from different departments participate which provided students with a holistic view at how organizations operate and what kinds of roles students can pursue within an organization or agency. Approximately 300 students participated in this event, many commenting on how cool of an event it was. Presenters enjoyed meeting with the Como students and consistently voiced to staff about how thoughtful and engaging the students were with their inquiries, commenting that they would love to return for future career fairs at Como. Thank you to all of the Como staff, teachers, and administrators who supported this initiative! We’re looking forward to hosting this event again next year.
Bonjour tout le monde! French 2 and College in the Schools (U of MN concurrent enrollment) students, accompanied by Como French teacher Madame Teefy and teacher in training Mme Nuelle, enjoyed an enriching cultural immersion experience at the Alliance Française de Minneapolis/St. Paul on March 8.

Students rotated through three workshops led by instructors from Guadeloupe, France, and Tunisia: French high school and how it compares to the American system, Guadeloupe and its traditions, and the Francophone world. Lunch was a tasty French treat followed by a lively game of French Scattergories. On s’est bien amusés! We had much fun.

This field trip was fully funded by the Nancy Solo-Taylor Scholarship Fund. Beloved Como teacher of over 30 years, Ms. Solo-Taylor sadly passed away from illness in 2015, leaving behind a loving family and a multitude of friends, former colleagues, and students whose lives she shaped in so many positive ways. Her legacy and memory lives on through this generous fund that supports experiential learning the French program at Como. Many thanks to Nancy and the Solo-Taylor family for this invaluable support of the Como Park Sr. French program.

Congratulations! **MCJROTC Cadet Corporal Alexander Le** has been selected to attend Delaware State University for eight weeks this summer to study aviation, receive college credits, and earn a private pilot license. This was the first year the CPSHS Marine Corps JROTC program was offered the CNAF (Commander Naval Air Forces) scholarship, worth $25,000 per cadet. Only 25 scholarships can be awarded nationally. His efforts in studying aeronautical engineering, instrument reading, and aviation weather paid off when he passed an extremely difficult Aviation Qualifications Test. Qualifications for the process include passing the AQT, receiving recommendation letters from the counselor and his Marine Instructors, being medically qualified per FAA standards, scoring at 95th percentile for Air Force physical fitness standards, passing FAA background checks, and being nominated by an FAA certified flight instructor. After passing this intense process, Alexander Le was selected for the CNAF scholarship. Alexander Le will go to the Delaware State University to earn his private pilot license this coming summer, OOH RAH Alexander Le.
Como Park Senior High School had their Spring College Fair on March 15th. 529 students came through the fair. That's over 50% of all of our student population! WOW!

The Como Girls Basketball Team played hard and made us proud at the U of M both Wednesday and Thursday this week and will play for 3rd place this Saturday, March 19th at 3PM vs. Mankato East at Concordia College. Go Cougars! You got this!
AFRICAN NIGHT

MAR 30

COMO PARK SR HIGH
4-7PM

Join us for a night full of live performances showcasing the various cultures of Africa!

KIDS - FREE
STUDENTS - $3
ADULTS - $5
St Paul Public Library
- Createc – for older students, 12 – 18 yrs old
  - Arlington Hts, Mon/Wed/Thurs, 4 – 7pm
  - Rice St, Wed/Thurs, 5:30 – 7:45

- Free First Saturday – April 2, 10am – 3pm
- “Hello Poet” is the theme for April 2
Family Fun Twin Cities-wide guide – most involve a fee:

Community Food Resources – Several community organizations provide free food for families around Saint Paul.

- **Family Center**: at Dayton’s Bluff, John A Johnson and St Paul Music Academy; call first: 651-789-3602

- **Neighborhood House food support**:
  - Hours: Monday – Friday 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 2–4 p.m.
  - The Wellstone Center, 179 Robie Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55107

- **Minnesota Food Helpline** – Call 888-711-1151 for assistance, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Meals on Wheels of Ramsey County** – Provides free home-delivered meals to Ramsey County adult residents who are impacted by COVID-19.

- **Food Shelves in Ramsey County** – A list of food shelves available in the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County.

- **Sanneh Foundation** – Weekly food distribution sites across the metro

**Neighborhood House Fresh Produce Distribution** – A bit later on the calendar: APRIL 15 (March 18 and May 20, too!)

- Metro State University campus

- Bates Avenue Ramp (407 Bates Ave)

- line up starts at 12:30

- distribution runs 1 – 2:30pm

- 15 – 20lbs of fresh fruits and vegetables

- first come/first serve
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**Engineering Scholars Program**  
July 24-29, 2022

Eligibility:

- Currently enrolled in 9-11th grade
- Attends a Saint Paul Public School
- Submit application by April 10, 2022

For more information and to apply, please visit [bit.ly/3MSYP](http://bit.ly/3MSYP).


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10th Grade Progress Letter Update! Parent(s)/guardian(s), you will be receiving your 10th grader’s progress letter in the mail from their school counselor. The letter will indicate if your child is 1.) on-track to graduate, 2.) on an Individualized Educational Plan, or 3.) Off-track. If the child is off-track, counselors have indicated which class and the number of credits missing. Counselors will register students for summer school. Here is a video going over how to interpret the progress letter: [https://www.loom.com/share/2cdbafe439354ff9a43862f87aff9010](https://www.loom.com/share/2cdbafe439354ff9a43862f87aff9010). Do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s school counselor.

The ACT at Como is rescheduled for March 29 Junior and Senior students registered to take the FREE ACT at Como will take the test on Tuesday, March 29. That means there is still time to prepare! Check out the FREE ACT resources [HERE](https://www.loom.com/share/2cdbafe439354ff9a43862f87aff9010) or stop by the CPC (Room 1304), to get a practice test from Ms. Bridgette.

**Poder Fellows Deadline to Apply: March 20, 2022** is a leadership development fellowship for BIPOC young adults ages 18 to 27 who want to develop skills and experience to start or continue community organizing, build political power, and advance social, racial and economic justice in Minnesota.

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