Como Park is participating in Black History Month by recognizing famous black leaders, inventors, poets, authors, and others who have made important contributions to our nation and our world through daily morning announcements, schoolwide door decorating contests, and black history lessons in classrooms.

**QUARTER 3 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**When:** Thursday March 3rd

**Time:** 4:00pm-7:00pm

**Where:** Como Park Senior High School

If you need transportation, please contact Jamie Hoffman at 651-744-5529 or jamie.hoffman@spps.org

**In-Person Parent/Teacher Conference Guidance**

- Conduct your own symptom screening prior to attending.
- Do not schedule an in-person conference if there is a family COVID-19 illness or COVID-19 exposure and/or need to quarantine.
- We ask that no more than two adults/ family members, other than the student, attend the conference.
- Face masks are required during the visit.
  - All people over the age of 2 who are present during in-person conferences are asked to wear masks.
  - Masks for families will be available if families do not have access to their own masks.
- Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer at the beginning and end of each conference.
VIRTUAL LUNCH TIME APPLICATION SUPPORT SESSION

FEB 7, FEB 14, FEB 22 (TUES) & FEB 28

ALL STUDENTS WELCOMED

Right Track Staff Available from 10:30-1:15PM in Google Meets. Follow QR Code

righttrack.stpaul.gov
Apply online today!

Questions?
(651) 266-6363 or RightTrack@ci.stpaul.mn.us

https://meet.google.com/yrw-oqpm-tmj
Looking for a summer job?

Apply Online Between
February 1st - February 28th
RIGHTTRACK.STPAUL.GOV

Right Track provides paid summer internships for young people from Saint Paul. Join us at Right Track to develop your employment skills, build your network, and earn money.

We partner with Genesys Works, a paid internship program, where juniors like you apply to participate in your senior year. Genesys works provides summer training, a paid internship, post high school planning, and ongoing educational support!

When you join Genesys Works one of your first touches of impact is summer training. In summer training you will be learning valuable transferable skills and building a network. Throughout your experience you will gain knowledge through developing your own plans for post high school, and earning up to $16,000 during your 12-month paid internship at a major corporate company like, 3m, Target, Best Buy, and more!

We want interested, motivated juniors that are ready to join Genesys Works!

If you are interested, take these 2 steps to provide you up to date information:

1. Connect with Miss Colestock - erin.colestock@stpaul.k12.mn.us
2. Take 30 seconds and fill out this link to stay looped in on next steps from Genesys Works, https://rebrand.ly/GWTCClass2023

For more information and any additional questions about GW, email a GW staff here: GWTCrecruitment@genesysworks.org
Hiway Credit Union is hiring sophomores and juniors only!!!!

WE’RE HIRING!

🔍 Student Advocate

For the 2022-2023 School Year

Apply Through Right Track

www.righttrack.stpaul.gov

Applications Open on
February 1st - February 28th
GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT COMO

Cultural Day, Multi-Cultural Fair, International Night – no matter what you call it, for many of us it is an annual tradition that everyone looks forward to. For most schools, it's an opportunity to celebrate the diversity that exists within our community. Our own MCJROTC led by (Junior) Cadet Private First-Class Jackson Thao held their event Friday night in the Fieldhouse gym and enjoyed fine dance, great cultural food, and sport activities. "Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out." John Wooden
Como Outdoors members have braced the cold in February with Winter sports like snowshoeing and ice skating!

Como Outdoors meets on Thursdays after school in room 2712 before going outside. Any student is welcome to join! Stay tuned for upcoming adventures, and contact Ms. Wielgos with any questions (jillian.wielgos@spps.org).
The Como Nordic Ski Team had an awesome season with Saylor Landrum heading to state with a 7th place overall finish!

State was at Giants Ridge on February 16th and 17th.

Way to go SAYLOR LANDRUM and Como Nordic Ski Team!
Field trip with Mr. Munoz’s class to Dunwoody College of Technology

UPCOMING TEST DATES

ACT- March 8, 2022
  ● All juniors and any senior who did not take the ACT at a St. Paul school last year.

MCA- March 9, 2022-May 13, 2022
  ● All 10th grade students take the Reading test
  ● All 11th grade students take the Math test
  ● All students enrolled in Biology take the Science test
Exciting World Language News!

Registration is just around the corner. Scan our QR Code with the camera of your smartphone to be directed to the WL website to meet the teachers & more. →

Coucou! Bonjour les amis!

French 4/5/CIS 1003/CIS 1004
This course is offered in conjunction with the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Como Park Sr. students are concurrently enrolled in the St. Paul Public Schools course and the U of MN course. This means that you earn 5 University of Minnesota credits AND St. Paul Public School credit towards graduation. Youpi!
The course is a rigorous course taught exclusively in French that focuses on honing your four language skills: listening, speaking, writing and reading.

Course Offerings 22-23 School Year
- French 1
- French 2
- French 3
- French 4/CIS → concurrent enrollment FRENCH CIS 1003 through UMN Twin Cities, (5 university credits transferable within the University of MN system and acceptable at MNSCU (MN State Colleges & Universities) system.
French 5/CIS → concurrent enrollment FRENCH CIS 1003 through UMN Twin Cities, (5 university credits transferable within the University of MN system and acceptable at MNSCU (MN State Colleges & Universities) system.

Spanish 4 and 5 will be offered as concurrent enrollment courses! This means that you will get 4 university credits after successful completion of Spanish 4 (SPAN 201, Intermediate Spanish I) and 4 university credits after successful completion of Spanish 5 (SPAN 202, Intermediate Spanish II). These credits are transferable within the MNSCU (MN State Colleges & Universities) system. After 8 credits, you are about halfway to a Spanish minor. Even if you are fluent in Spanish, you can still major in Spanish, just like many people who speak English major in English.

Course Offerings 22-23 School Year

➤ Spanish 1
➤ Spanish 2
➤ Spanish 3
➤ Spanish 4 → concurrent enrollment SPAN 201 through MSU, Mankato (4 university credits transferable within the MNSCU system)
➤ Spanish 5 → concurrent enrollment SPAN 202 through MSU, Mankato (4 university credits transferable within the MNSCU system)
➤ Spanish 6 → Student designed: Volunteer, Film Study, Novel Study, Short Stories, Bilingual Internship

Why take concurrent enrollment courses? It will save you money!
Cost of tuition at Mankato: $315.65 per credit. Spanish 4 = 4 credits... saving you $1262.60. If you take both Spanish 4 & 5 you will have $2525.20!
Cost of tuition at the U of MN: $1235.50, saving you $6177.50 if you take French 4 and $12,355 if you take both French 4 & 5!

We are excited to welcome you at any level of language learning & help you prepare for your college or career experiences!

Grading
Quarter 3:
Mid Quarter 3/3/2022

Friday before end of Quarter 3/25/2022

End of Quarter 4/1/2022

Late Work

Students are expected to turn in work on-time per teacher due date.

All work due before mid quarter (as shown on the Como calendar) must be submitted by mid quarter or it will not be accepted. All work due after mid quarter must be submitted by the Friday before the end of the quarter or it will not be accepted. Work due during the last week of the quarter must be submitted by the last day of the quarter.
JOIN US!

COMO AREA ULTIMATE FRISBEE MEETING

Looking for a new sport to join in the spring - join us for an informational meeting about the upcoming season, meet the coaches, and register for the season.

Thursday, February 24th
Starting at 6pm
Room 2728
TUBMAN'S 13TH ANNUAL POSTER & VIDEO CONTEST!

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Join the movement and make a poster or video showing your commitment to anti-violence! The contest is open to middle and high school students to enter individually or as a group up to 4. All submissions due by February 28th, 2022 to teens@tubman.org

PRIZES!

1st place: $200 Visa Gift Card
2nd Place: $100 Visa Gift Card
3rd Place: $50 Visa Gift Card

VIDEO SUBMISSIONS:
*must be 1-3 minutes long
*upload video to YouTube and send the link to teens@tubman.org
*everyone in video must submit a parent/guardian release form, student signatures are accepted if you cannot get parent/guardian signature

POSTER SUBMISSIONS:
*take a picture of your poster and email it to teens@tubman.org
*save the poster for display and later use
Dear Como and Murray Parents,

Winter Athletic Highlights:

- Como Park Boys Swimmers are Conference and Twin Cities Champions!
- Como Park Girls Basketball Team Win The Conference Title for the 8th Straight Year!
- Como Park Boys Basketball Team Will Play Johnson for the Conference Title Feb. 22nd @ Como Park
- Saylor Lanrum (12) Qualifies for the State Meet at Giants Ridge in Nordic Skiing With a 7th Place Overall Finish at the Section Tournament! State is February 16th & 17th
- Ronnie Porter (12) Scores 41 Points vs Hill Murray and 2000 Career Points!

We are excited to invite your student athlete to register for Spring athletics! The Spring 2022 season will be starting in the middle of March, please see the chart below for details on start times and coach contact information. Unfortunately, we are still in the same situation as the fall and winter. With the nationwide shortages of bus drivers, middle school sports will remain intramural. However, this presents an opportunity for middle school students to try out and compete at the high school level. Please keep in mind that transportation will NOT be available so student-athletes must find their own rides to tryouts and practices. Transportation will be provided for competitions from Como Park to away events. The middle school AD and parent(s)/guardian(s) should help assess whether the 7th or 8th grader has the skill set and maturity to try out and compete for a high school team.

**Athletic Registration and Payment Procedure**

You can visit Como high school and register in person. Our room number is 1109 and is located towards the east side of the building near the main gymnasium. In order for your child to be eligible for participation, you will need a [Minnesota state high school league eligibility form](#), updated sports physical, the sport fee of $45 or $20 for free and reduced lunch, and meet the academic requirements in the chart below. Our office hours are 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday. Enter through the main entrance and security will escort you to the athletic office. Please wear a mask whenever you are inside the building as required by the district.

For more information, you can visit our [school home page](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email. A list of Spring sports and coaches contact information is below:
### Request for Proposals from Community Partners

Saint Paul Public Schools has released a Request for Proposals seeking applications from community partners for $7M total funding through the American Rescue Plan. Proposals that align with SPPS schools and programs in these areas will be prioritized for funding:

- In-school mental health, social emotional learning and support for students
- Out of school time (OST) youth programs for middle school students through Flipside
- In-school and school-aligned family support, especially support that is designed for the families of students most impacted by distance learning
- In-school student academic support, especially support that is designed for the student groups most impacted by distance learning.

More information and the application can be found at [www.spps.org/Page/24239](http://www.spps.org/Page/24239).

Deadline for applications is March 2.
Watch Out for These 6 IRS Tax Scams

Tax season is stressful enough without adding vulnerability to identity theft to your list of things to worry about. To keep your sensitive personal information safe, however, you should be a little worried, though – or at least alert and informed enough to know a tax scam when you see one.

Tax scammers have several common tricks they use to lure taxpayers into handing over personal information that can be used for identity theft. Knowing what to look for is key to avoiding tax scams this tax season.

1. House calls by “IRS officials”

Most of the IRS’s notices arrive in the mail. So, if you hear a knock on your front door and open it to someone claiming to be an “IRS official,” don’t be fooled. Showing up on your doorstep isn’t the way the IRS contacts taxpayers.

Exceptions to this contact rule include special circumstances where the IRS may come to your home or business, such as discussing an overdue tax bill or obtaining a delinquent tax return. However, the IRS will first send “several notices” in the mail before showing up. The IRS also gives you the opportunity to appeal or ask questions about the amount it says you owe.

2. Calls demanding specific types of payment

The IRS won’t call to demand immediate payment through a specific method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. If you get such a request, hang up and block the caller. “Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes,” says the IRS.

3. Social Security number scams

Don’t be intimidated into responding to a robocall message threatening to cancel your Social Security number unless you make immediate payment on what the caller claims is an unpaid tax bill. Never give out sensitive personal information over the phone unless you know the caller is legitimate – if you called the IRS and are speaking with an actual IRS agent, for example.

Report the call to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. Also report the caller ID and callback number to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov, typing “IRS phone scam” in the subject line. While you’re at it, report the call to the Federal Trade Commission, adding “IRS phone scam” in the notes.
5. “Tax transcript” emails

Scammers may send “tax transcript” emails to bait taxpayers into opening an attachment that contains malware posing as a bank or other financial institution, warns the IRS. The IRS doesn’t send unsolicited emails to the public and would never send a sensitive document like a tax transcript via email. Don’t open the attachment. Instead, delete the email immediately.

“The scam is especially problematic for businesses whose employees might open the malware because this malware can spread throughout the network and potentially take months to successfully remove,” says the IRS.

6. Phony tax agencies

Tax scammers may send a letter threatening you with an IRS lien or levy. However, the lien or levy is based on “bogus delinquent taxes owed to a nonexistent agency: “The Bureau of Tax Enforcement,” according to the IRS.

“There is no such agency,” says the IRS. “The lien notification scam also likely references the IRS to confuse potential victims into thinking the letter is from a legitimate organization.”

Click [here](#) for Spanish version.

The Hiway Foundation has opened their scholarship applications for 2022. Students can apply for both, but only one can be awarded. The foundation guarantees that one Como student will receive a scholarship. Here are the applications:

Hiway Cougars Application:
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QAloTudfovdQZDyjVnXcHTZKNyiUsEX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QAloTudfovdQZDyjVnXcHTZKNyiUsEX/view?usp=sharing)

Hiway Foundation Application:
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_n9772-s20bbTntC225oOJPNQJZF76eC/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_n9772-s20bbTntC225oOJPNQJZF76eC/view?usp=sharing)