Scholarships for Graduating Seniors
Here is a list of some great scholarships for seniors who plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college next year:

Scholarship List

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!!!
The 2020-2021 Como Park Senior High Yearbooks are on sale NOW. The yearbooks are $50.00. You can buy one online at https://yearbookforever.com/. This year's book will feature pictures and projects from our year of distance learning. We will have a special focus on seniors. If you have any questions, email Suzie Myhre, the yearbook advisor at suzie.myhre@stpaul.k12.mn.us

TutorMe: Resource for Students in Grades 6-12
TutorMe allows students to connect with an expert tutor at any time to get support in current classes. Student iPad wallpaper has been updated to help inform of this opportunity. TutorMe is an external company and an additional resource alongside school supports, the SPPS Academic Support Center and other student support structures.

See here for additional information.
World Language Announcement!

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!

Where in the World do they speak French!

Exciting World Language News! 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 21-22 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.
We are excited to announce that **Spanish 4 and 5 will be offered as concurrent enrollment courses** for next year. 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 21-22 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

We are excited to welcome you at any level of language learning & help you prepare for your college or career experiences!
Minnesota's selective colleges see surge in applications after waiving standardized test requirements

With ACT and SAT scores waived, applications at selective schools surge

Read full article from Star Tribune here featuring Como student, Kalid Ali
In some Minnesota schools, students return but police do not
In some districts, armed officers have been replaced by "support liaisons" who hope to put a new face on safety

Read full article from the Star Tribune here featuring Como staff, Shaun Ross

Every Minnesotan age 16 years and older is NOW eligible to get their shot

All Minnesotans 16+ can now get in line for the shot! CLAIM YOUR SPOT NOW! Sign up for the Vaccine Connector or schedule an appointment at the Mall of America now!


How can teens make an appointment?

For the metro area, use this link to schedule an appointment at the Mall of America Community Vaccination site now: Mall of America Community Vaccination Registration Very important: the Pfizer
vaccine has ONLY been authorized to vaccinate youth ages 16 and up and will only be administered to those ages 16 and up.

Consent Guidance:
Children under the age of 18 must have consent signed on their behalf by a parent or guardian when scheduling an online appointment. It is very important that the scheduling forms are filled out correctly in advance and to have a parent or legal guardian go to the vaccine appointment with their 16- or 17- year-old to learn about the COVID-19 vaccine and provide consent for the child to receive the vaccine. Additional information on Parental Consent can be found here.

For the Mall of America Community Vaccination Site:
If children under the age of 18 arrive without a parent, The Community Vaccination Program at Mall of America will vaccinate if the attestation box on the pre-registration form is checked and the parent has signed the consent. If the parent/guardian has not signed the consent in advance, The Community Vaccination Program can accept written consent from a parent/guardian accompanying the minor child to the appointment. If a parent/guardian is not present, staff will request that the patient call their parent/guardian and staff will attempt to obtain verbal consent. If staff are not able to obtain pre-registration or onsite verbal/written consent, staff are not allowed to vaccinate the patient.

Questions and Concerns?
If you have questions, please call (855) 612-0677. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

#staysafeMN

Friendly reminders

Please thoroughly review the SPPS COVID-19 Student and Family Guidelines (Updated 2-17-21) Please keep your child home if they are sick and experiencing any of the symptoms outlined in the screening guidelines. For more information, please contact nurse Lori Nakamura at 651-888-7614.

Parents/guardians should not be dropping off their student before 10:15am. We want to limit the number of students waiting in the lobby area before school starts at 10:30am.

In line with the Minnesota Safe Learning Plan, students must maintain 6 feet of physical distance whenever possible; when 6 feet is not possible, a minimum of 3 feet between students must be maintained.

Students, please remember to wear your mask so it completely covers your mouth and nose.

Meal service is provided at Como. Students have the opportunity to pick up a bagged breakfast when they arrive and a lunch-to-go when they leave for the day. Breakfast and lunch are free for all students.

Students must take attendance in Campus on Fridays.
Dates to remember:
- May 13th- Mid-term
- June 4th- Last day for seniors
- June 11th- Last day for students grades 9-11

No one is turned away for inability to pay.
We see youth 11+

We provide:
- Mental Health Services
- Medical Care
- Nutrition counseling and education
- Health Education (including sexual health and stress management)

Please call 651-233-8951 to ask questions, register, and make an appointment

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Camps

Click here for more information.
STAFF SPOTLIGHT
Please welcome a new staff member to our Como team:

Shar Ro- I am a Special Education Teaching Assistant. My hobbies include fishing, cooking, and I am also interested in playing soccer. I feel wonderful and very welcomed since I arrived at Como Park Senior High. All the staff are kind and respectful. Thank you so much for having me at Como.

Hey Como Students!!

We are getting a mural in the Library! We need your ideas.

1. Watch this video from our professional artist, Shane Anderson
2. Think about who we are as a Como community.
   - Consider our diversity, culture, and values.
   - Think about what makes us strong and beautiful.
   - What are our challenges and struggles?
   - Who are we?
3. What words and images communicate our truth?
4. Please fill out this Google form: Student Input with your ideas for our mural.

SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS!

Are you a high school senior planning to attend a historically Black college and university (HBCU) this fall 2021? Are you also considering to pursue studies in the science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) field? If so, check out the UNCF 3M Science. Applied to Life. Scholarship 2021
Deadline to apply is 5/10/2021 with the potential to receive a $25,000 scholarship over a span of 4 years.
PLANNING FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: KNOWING YOUR OPTIONS

Presentation topic:

• Knowing your postsecondary options
• Things to consider when exploring postsecondary options
• Understanding how to pay for postsecondary options

WHEN: TUESDAY- MAY 11TH AT 6:30PM-7:30PM
REGISTER AT: HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/GETREADY511

Contact: Lucia Mendez
with your questions
651-592-4025
lucia.mendez@state.mn.us

Also available in Spanish...click here.
SAVE THE DATE!!!

Seniors!

Friday, June 4, 12-4pm The Annual Senior BBQ sponsored by Como Park Senior High is being upgraded to the SENIOR BBQ PARTY.

The after-graduation senior all night party is not possible this year, so the Booster Club is joining forces with Como Park staff to present an awesome afternoon celebration with a DJ, lots of food, drinks, games, and Instagramable activities – exclusively for all Como Park Seniors. Join us on the practice fields (or the field house in bad weather) for seriously, the best afternoon of 2020-2021!

Graduation Information

Commencement date: June 7, 2021

Location: Aldrich Arena (1850 White Bear Ave. N., Maplewood, MN 55109)

More details to come…

Diploma Spell Check!

Please check the spelling of your student’s full, middle, and last name in Parent Portal (Infinite Campus) or have your student log in to their Campus student portal for that will be the name printed on the diploma. If a correction needs to be made, please provide a copy of the student’s birth certificate or passport to Lisa Mills at lisa.mills@spps.org.

Seniors!

We are still accepting Senior Photos, Baby Photos, and Senior Quotes. We will accept them until May 5th. Please send all of these to Ms. Myhre at suzie.myhre@stpaul.k12.mn.us.
This Spring 22 student athletes with the girls and boys soccer programs at Como Park volunteered more than 160 hours leading soccer activities for North Dale Recreation Center’s youth futsal (indoor soccer). Como soccer programs have a long standing relationship with our neighborhood rec centers, giving time to share their passion for soccer with the community’s youngest learners. We look forward to our summer program, Soccer Stars, where for the 7th summer, we’ll provide a free program where our high school athletes bring their energy to engage developing players in the joy of playing soccer.
Dear AP Students and Families:

The 2020-21 AP exams are fast approaching. This communication is to update you about this year’s location, AP testing schedule, and administration expectations.

This year all in-person AP testing will be done at Como Park Sr. from May 3 through May 17. For the morning sessions, students should arrive at school by 7:30 AM, and AP Testing will start at 8:00 AM promptly. Students will need to provide their own transportations to Como Park Sr. for the 8:00 AM morning AP Exam. Talk to your AP teacher, if you need a bus token. For the afternoon sessions, students will need to be at school by 11:30 AM and AP Testing will start at 12:00 PM.

All Digital AP Exams will take place at home. Students will need to have a computer with Internet access. Students will need to pre-install the AP testing application to their computer and log in 30 minutes prior to taking the Digital AP Exam. Here is the link for the AP testing app: https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap-2021/updates/four-steps-before-digital-test

For In-Person AP Testing Students:
You are required to abide by the policies of both the College Board and Como Park Senior High School during the exam period. Any misconduct will be reported and could jeopardize your AP Exam score.

You should **BRING** the following **items** **to** the **exam room**:

- Mask
- Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for completing multiple-choice answer sheets
- Pens with black or dark blue ink for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams
- A watch (in case your exam room does not have a clock that you can see easily)
- Up to two calculators with the necessary capabilities if you are taking an AP Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, or Statistics Exam. (Visit [www.collegeboard.com/ap/calculators](http://www.collegeboard.com/ap/calculators) to learn more about the calculator policy for each of these exams, and for a list of authorized calculators.)
- A ruler or straight-edge if you are taking an AP Physics Exam
- Your social security number for identification purposes (optional). If you provide it, the number will appear on your AP score reports.

You should **NOT** bring the following **to** the **exam room**:

- Cell phones, digital cameras, personal digital assistants (PDAs), BlackBerry smartphones, Bluetooth-enabled devices, MP3 players, e-mail/messaging devices, or any other electronic or communication devices
- Books, compasses, mechanical pencils, colored pencils*, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters*, or notes
- Rulers and straightedges (except as noted above)*
- Scratch paper (notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets or, for Chinese Language and Culture and Japanese Language and Culture, on scratch paper provided by the proctor)
- Computers* or calculators (except as noted above)
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions
- Watches that beep or have an alarm
- Portable listening* or recording devices (even with headphones) or photographic equipment
- Food or drink*
- Clothing with subject-related information

* Unless this has been pre-approved as an accommodation by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office prior to the test date.

You are required to arrive no later than 20 minutes prior to your exam: 8:00 a.m. for the morning administration and 12:00 p.m. for the afternoon administration. Students may not be dismissed until an exam has officially ended; do not ask to leave early if you finish before the end of the exam. If you play a sport or have a job, it is your responsibility to inform your coach or employer of your AP Exam obligation, and arrangements should be made accordingly.

Get a good night’s rest before your exam, and eat a nutritious breakfast. You are allowed to bring a snack and beverage for your 10-minute break. However, food and drink are prohibited in the exam room. It is advisable to bring a sweater, in case the room temperature is below your comfort level.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 651-293-8800.

Principal Kirk Morris
2020-21 In-Person AP Exam Schedules

Listed below is your In-person exam schedule. Review it carefully for accuracy. If you see any discrepancies, please contact me immediately.

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