Dear Como Park Senior High families,

We at Como Park Senior High School are heartbroken at the tragic death of Daunte Wright at the hands of a police officer in Brooklyn Center this past weekend. A 20-year-old young man, a brother, a son and father is gone. The repetitive cycle of traumatic events, especially when it happens so close to home, is exhausting and has a lasting impact on our community.

The death of another Black man in our community is traumatic and will understandably cause a variety of emotions and feelings, including sadness, hopelessness, anger, loss and pain.

To navigate this loss while still living through the trauma of the murder of George Floyd is a heavy burden to hold for all of us, especially for our students. We are always here to support, care for, and stand next to our students and our community.

Our counselors, social workers and school staff are ready and willing to support your student in whatever ways we can.

Here is a link to some resources to support you when talking with your child as our community processes this event, while experiencing the trauma of the Derek Chauvin trial.

In partnership,

*Kirk Morris*

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**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](#)
PICTURE DAY FOR SENIORS!!!

All Seniors will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on Wednesday April 21st from 10:30am-3:00pm. We will use these photos for the yearbook, but you may also purchase these photos for your own Senior picture.

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

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.
Como Park MCJROTC gathered over spring break to conduct various motivational physical fitness sessions known as the "Billyites". Today included Como Park School Grounds moto run and lots of squats. OOH RAH!

Adventuring out of their bubble over spring break, the Como Park MCJROTC conducted their annual Combat Easter Egg Hunt. It was orchestrated and led by sophomore Selena Paul in which all of them were able to build a sense of competition and camaraderie amongst each other by collecting candy filled eggs, National Guard Obstacle Course Races, knock out drill and in search of the $100.00 golden egg. Semper fi - Staying alive.
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.

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This School's Health Start Clinic is OPEN!

No one is turned away for inability to pay.

We see youth 11+

**WE PROVIDE**

- mental health services
- medical care
- nutritional counseling & education
- health education including sexual health, and stress management

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

[Minnesota Community Care](#)

Follow us on social media!
How it Works

Volunteer tutors support math education and serve as mentors for students in grades 5-12. There is also a free prep program for the math section of the SAT and ACT.

A Math Motivators tutor will be paired up with the student at a mutually convenient time. We provide weekly 1-hour virtual tutoring sessions.

Students will need to have access to a computer or tablet with internet connection. We use the Zoom platform with breakout rooms for the tutoring sessions.

Safety is a Top Priority

Students and parents/guardians are provided information about the tutoring program, including safety precautions, what to expect of the tutors, what is expected of students, and a student participation consent form.

Tutors and students do not exchange contact information unless approved by the parent/guardian. Every tutoring session is monitored by a Math Motivators staff member. All tutors must pass a background check and attend training sessions.
How to Enroll

Go to our Math Motivators Tutoring registration website linked here and create an account. Once you have signed up, you will be contacted with more information about setting up tutoring time. If you need more information, contact therese.marske@actfnd.org.

Advanced Placement (AP) Information

Dear AP Students and Families:

Congratulations to all students taking AP this year! You’ve got what it takes to succeed.

Right now, you should be studying and reviewing for your AP Exam. I hope you can relax a bit during spring break yet keeping an eye on the AP Exam. Another thing you must do is to make sure your username, password and email address are accurate when you sign up for your College Board account.

AP students, with AP Classroom and AP Daily, you have the tools to help you succeed. You should log in to myap.collegeboard.org to do your reviews and practices for your AP Exam every day.

This year, the College Board is offering three AP Exam Administration Dates with a paper & pencil or a digital testing format for each AP exam.

This means that students will need to decide on whether they will take an in-person paper & pencil AP Exam at school or a digital AP Exam at home. All AP exams will be full-length this year, whether taken digitally or on paper. There will be no shortened AP exams in 2021.

Official dates and format for all three AP exam administrations:

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Administration 3
June 1–4, 7–11
Administered in school and at home
Most subjects are full-length digital exams only, administered in school or taken at home due to coronavirus precautions.

Administration 1 is meant to be the main testing dates for AP exams this year at Como Park Sr. However, students may request to take the digital AP Exam during Administration 2 or Administration 3 in order to accommodate social distancing for students who are not able to take exams in person at school. If students decide to take the digital AP Exam at home, make sure they have a computer (mac or pc) with a camera and access to the internet.

Click here to learn more about Digital AP Exam and requirements: Digital AP Exam

Note: We will not be offering any in-school AP Exam testing during administration 2.

If you want to know your specific AP Exam testing date and time, please click here: 2021 AP Exam Dates Schedule

If you have any questions, please email me at teng.lo@spps.org.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Camps

OTHER ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT AND COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAMS

Click here for more information.
Please welcome 2 new staff to our Como team:

**Ryan Vande Linde** - he/him/his. I am an Educational Assistant here at Como. I previously worked at Youth Frontiers, a non-profit organization that led youth retreats all over the U.S. I love to play and coach tennis in my free time. I am currently the head coach of the University of Minnesota Club Tennis team, and still enjoy playing tournaments throughout the year. Playing and making music is another one of my favorite hobbies. I’m passionate about playing guitar, piano, ukulele, trumpet, and singing. I’m excited to be working at Como!

My name is **Blake Kuether**. I am an EA for the DCD and EBD programs. I have been working for Saint Paul Urban Tennis for the last 5 and a half years with both the summer programs and various Fall, Winter, and Spring programs as a tennis coach. Along with coaching for SPUT I also coached the boy's and girl's tennis teams at Spring Lake Park High School. Another big passion of mine besides tennis is music. I have been playing/traveling around the country with my band Heart to Gold for the last 4 years or so. We are a Punk/Alternative rock band based out of the Minneapolis area. Although I play drums in the band, I also play guitar, piano, and love to sing. Due to Covid we haven’t been able to participate in any in-person live performances for quite a while, but we are still actively writing new music and planning for future travel. I lived around Como for a while during college and have always loved the friendly environment. I can’t wait to join the Como Park family!
2021-22 COURSE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for our current 9th-11th graders will begin April 19th-April 30th during their advisory. This year, students will be completing a google form instead of paper registration. Please have a conversation with your student(s) about their class selections. For our Virtual Learners, we will be providing how-to videos that will be shared on schoology. Reach out to your student's school counselor if you have any questions or concerns. More information to come in April.

Below are the grades 10-12 Google registration forms:
Grade 10
Grade 11
Grade 12

Title: Postsecondary Planning Session (In English)
Registration Link: Webex Events (classic)
Description:
Jesus is a graduate of Worthington Community College and Minnesota State University, Mankato. He began his career in Financial Aid at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has dedicated over a decade of his career to helping students and parents navigate the landscape of student finance. He currently serves as the Associate Dean of Financial Aid at Gustavus Adolphus College. Over the past 10 years, Jesus also partners with the Office of Higher Education to provide financial aid presentation to communities across Minnesota. He is a strong advocate for postsecondary education and believes his work in student finance helps to make the aspiration of obtaining a postsecondary degree or certificate a possibility for all students. This presentation will cover topics about the value of a postsecondary education, selection process of a college, and paying for postsecondary education.

Program: Emerging Leaders of Color
Organization: Carlson School of Management
Deadline: May 28, 2021
Description:
Emerging Leaders of Color (ELOC) is a free 8-month pathway program for underrepresented high school students that meets once a month on a Saturday during the 2021-22 academic year. Students will be introduced to:
- Business classes, faculty, and career options
- Professional development
- Networking with professionals from the Twin Cities corporate community
- Mentorship from a current Carlson School student
- College preparation activities*

Additional information can be found online at Emerging Leaders of Color | Carlson School of Management (umn.edu)
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.
Hello Cougars!

I'm so excited to welcome you all back to school and specifically to the library! There are over 2000 new titles on the shelves and our space is becoming even more warm and welcoming. Here are some important things to know as we navigate the rest of the school year.

1. You can always check out books online through Destiny and I can bring books to your classroom or... if you are learning via DL, we can arrange curbside pick-up.
   1. If you don't know how to check out a book through Destiny here are two videos to help.
      1. Login to Destiny Catalog
      2. Destiny Catalog Search and Hold books
   2. Once you've reserved a book, send me an email: sherichaffeejohnson@spps.org to tell me:
      1. What classroom you're in
      2. If you need curbside pick-up
   2. Starting on Monday, May 19th, teachers will be able to sign up to bring their whole class down to the library. There is a 15-minute maximum stay, so you may want to look at the catalog online, so you know what you're interested in reading, or go ahead and put a book on hold to pick up when you're here. 😊

I can't wait to see you!

Your librarian,

Ms. CJ