Quarter 3 Conferences

Quarter 3 Conferences will be the week of March 8th-March 12th by appointment only. Conferences will be conducted virtually through Google Meet and will be with your child's Advisory teacher. Please click on the link to sign up for a conference time with your child's Advisory teacher. The Conference Sign Up is also available on our website at spps.org/comoconferences.

On-Site Support

On March 8th, we will begin Phase 2 of our On-Site Support Schedule. We will be inviting 9th and 10th graders for Mondays/Tuesdays and 11th and 12th graders for Wednesdays/Thursdays. Last week, our support team contacted the students who are invited to On-Site Support. Transportation is provided.

Students/guardians can look up their own bussing information from the Campus app or website by clicking the three bars in the top left corner, clicking more, then clicking transportation:
Como Senior In-Person Learning Information Session

**When:** March 10th 6:00-7:00pm or March 16th 6:00-7:00pm

**Where:** Google Meet...the link will be available on our website at comosr.spps.org the morning of the event

Congratulations to Como Alumni Florance Uwajeneza (2017-18) for setting new records in Cross Country at West Texas A&M University
Cougar Pride T-shirts For Sale!

The Gender & Sexuality Alliance is partnering with Student Council and School Store to bring Cougar Pride Rainbow T-shirts a reality!

Cost $15 - Venmo @CPHSStudentCouncil → type “pride” in the memo (along with your name for verification)
AND Please fill out the google form (so I have your contact & sizing info.) by clicking this LINK.
Attention Seniors!

Seniors, can you speak, write, read, and understand a language other than English? If so, you may be eligible to earn FREE college credits at any Minnesota State College and Universities (Minnesota State) upon graduation. The district is offering the Seal of Biliteracy language-proficiency test starting on March 26th through April 30th. **Registration deadline is Friday, March 19th.**

Testing this year will be conducted at 360 Colborne Street, the District Office building. You must provide your own transportation (bus tokens will be available). Morning and afternoon testing sessions will be available. Plan on 2-4 hours for testing, either in the morning or the afternoon.

Safety precautions will be in place, such as health screening upon entry, a mask requirement, and social distancing for very small testing groups. **Testing will only take place on Fridays,** so as not to conflict with seniors' school day schedules.

See the attached flyer for more information and the link/QR code to use to register for the test.

Please contact your counselor if you have any questions.

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**A Message from Our Attendance Clerk, Sarita Arias-Avina**

A reminder that a student or a student's parent or guardian should complete daily attendance once each school day. When completed, the once-daily attendance process will confirm attendance for all of a student’s classes for that day.

To take attendance, students should log into their "Campus Student" iPad app, located on their iPad home screen.

Please remember to login and complete the attendance procedure each school day to avoid unexcused absences.

Note that attendance can be completed up to 11:59 p.m. each day but completing attendance by 6:30 p.m. will avoid a robocall about an unexcused absence. By completing attendance, students are agreeing to participate fully in distance learning for that day.

Also, if you have moved or changed your phone number, please call the main office to update your information.

Thank you.
Conservation Corps MN & IA offers many positions for youth (age 15 - 18) from learning technical field skills to running community events. If you are interested in serving outdoors this summer, please check out the following opportunities:

- **Youth Outdoors Programs (April 8th – May 27th):** This is an after-school job opportunity for Saint Paul, Ramsey County and Minneapolis teens, ages 15 to 18. During the program you will work outside on a crew of peers to learn more about the environment and complete service projects. You will meet at parks in your neighborhood on Thursdays for 2 hours and Saturdays for 7 hours. Review more details about meeting locations and apply here.

Nick Cox (he/him/his) nick.cox@conservationcorps.org 651-209-9900 x 33
Tess Kelley (they/them/she/her), tess.kelley@conservationcorps.org or 651-209-9900 x 15

- **Summer Youth Corps:** This is our summer residential program. For five weeks, mid-June to mid-August, youth will work on a crew with five other youth and two crew leaders, camp in parks throughout Minnesota, and work to restore natural areas by maintaining and creating trails, removing invasive plants, restoring natural habitat, and completing basic construction projects. Review details or apply here. For more information, please contact the Program Manager:

  Teresa Butel (she/her/hers), teresa.butel@conservationcorps.org or 816-824-4639

- **Increasing Diversity in Environmental Careers (IDEC)**
  This is a program open to high school seniors with an interest in natural resources who plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year institution in MN this fall and pursue a STEM degree. The IDEC program provides a unique opportunity for underrepresented students, specifically, women, racial or ethnic minorities, and/or individual with disabilities to develop a career path through three components:
  - **Fellowship:** The fellowship provides students with a supportive community, yearly academic scholarship, and professional development.
  - **Mentorship:** The mentorship aims to enhance college success, encourage personal and professional development, and promote career advancement by pairing fellows with employees at one of the participating state agencies.
  - **Internship:** The full-time paid internship, which runs from May to August, allows fellows to learn more about environmental and natural resources career paths through paid, on-the-job experience.

We are actively accepting applications until May 28, 2021 and free online information sessions are offered throughout the application period!

May Yang (she/her/hers) at may.yang@conservationcorps.org or at 651-785-6209

We would love to offer an online information session for your students, student organizations, or make a “virtual visit” to classrooms during this time of distance learning on all the opportunities! If you are interested in this, then please May Yang and her contact information is listed above.

If you are interested in these programs, then let me know and we can forward you the flyer later.

Please visit our website for more information and contact the listed staff if you have any questions.
JA Inspire Virtual Career Expo is an interactive online career fair for middle and high school students made possible through a collaboration of educators, industry leaders, and Junior Achievement. This powerful event will prepare and inspire youth to explore career paths they never knew were possible.

March 23 - March 25, 2021

Why JA Inspire Virtual Career Expo? Together, we can create equitable access to career mentorship opportunities for today’s young people. Students will turn abstract career notions into real insight on career industries, job opportunities, and education paths to reach their goals. Businesses can support youth on this journey and build the workforce of the future.

Virtual Career Expo Highlights:
• Interactive showcase of local and regional careers by industry
• Online student self-guided or teacher-led pre & post event JA curriculum available
• Downloadable career information and on-the-job videos
• Virtual backpack allows students to save what interests them
• Gamification adds fun and increases student engagement
• Extended student access - 3 hours on event day, plus 24/7 access for 3 additional months
• Online software is compatible with multiple devices: computers, tablets, mobile phones
• Adaptable for in-class or remote learning

Registration Now Open:
jaum.wufoo.com/forms/ja-inspire-virtual-career-expo-registration/

For more information, contact Sharon Severson at sharon@jaum.org

Junior Achievement
Gain professional and business technology skills while earning college credit.

Receive coaching on professional skills such as communication, teamwork, and troubleshooting.
Learn technical skills such as project management, Microsoft Suite, and data security.

Earn $15,000 through a year-long internship.

Get paid to intern at a top Twin Cities company such as Target, Ecolab, or Medtronic.
Build your professional network through job shadowing, informational interviews, and relationship-building.

Receive post-high school planning support.

Partner with Genesys Works to complete college admissions, financial aid, and scholarships.
Receive help realizing your post-high school pathway, such as college, military, and the workforce.

Application Deadline: March 7, 2020
Juniors, sign up for more information at rebrand.ly/GWTCClass2022 or apply online at genesysworks.org/twin-cities.

For more information, email gwtrecruitment@genesysworks.org.
Minnesota Business Venture (MBV) is the perfect virtual opportunity for students to learn about the jobs of the future, career skills they will need, develop technology skills, and connect with new people. MBV is open to any student in grades 9-12 in the United States.

**2021 MBV Dates:**
Session 1: July 12-15, 2021  
Session 2: July 26-29, 2021

I am not seeing a due date for applications.  

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Combining personal finance with college preparation skills, *College Dollars & Sense* is designed to offer students a chance to see themselves in college and understand how their personal finances will affect their lives after high school and in the workforce. In this one-week summer program, students are introduced to personal finance concepts, learn strategies for affording and saving for college, experience life on a major university campus, and interact with students, professors, and business leaders while developing the skills they need to succeed after high school.

**Applications are due April 23, 2021**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekl4qWQhRLpzEeuak2ex336ye-DVO3-HIOjl0ttjCX4abw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekl4qWQhRLpzEeuak2ex336ye-DVO3-HIOjl0ttjCX4abw/viewform)

SPPS is offering district support for starting a school garden through funding through nutrition services.

The next step is to build a committee of folks that might be interested in helping in various ways with this project. Please fill out the attached 2 question form if you would like to be kept informed and possibly be a part of this new experience at Como!

[https://forms.gle/3BQ2BzUX6vVJqY2G8](https://forms.gle/3BQ2BzUX6vVJqY2G8)
Dear Como and Murray Parents,

Spring is right around the corner! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome student athletes to register for spring sports. The season will officially start on March 22nd. Please review the information below for more details.

Athletic Registration and Payment Procedure In this link you will find our online athletic registration: Como Park Online Registration Form. If you have a student athlete who has not registered online through the athletics website, you can register in person. In order for your student to be eligible for participation, you will need a Minnesota state high school league eligibility form, updated sports physical, and the sport fee of $45 or $20 for free and reduced lunch. For student athletes who have registered already but have yet to pay their fee, you can visit Como high school during the week from 8:30am - 1pm. Please enter through the main entrance and security will escort you to the athletic office; building entry will require that you wear a mask.

All of the information is available in the athletics tab of our school home page. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email. Here is a list of coaches and their emails if you want to contact them directly for practice/tryout logistics:

Badminton: Michelle Diaz / michelle.diaz@spps.org

Baseball: Matthew Smith / matthew.smith@spps.org

Lacrosse Boys (Central co-op): Aron Lipkin / aronlipkin@gmail.com

Lacrosse Girls (Central co-op): Caren Herrinshaw / caren.herringshaw@gmail.com

Softball Girls: John Fishbach / grandpafisch2017@gmail.com

Tennis Boys: Kia Yang / kia.yang3@spps.org

Track and Field Boys: Tim Kersey / timkersey@hotmail.com

Track and Field Girls: Tim Kersey / timkersey@hotmail.com

Adapted Bowling (Humboldt co-op): Malachi Long / malachi.long@spps.org

Adapted Softball (Humboldt co-op): Mary Bohland / mary.bohland@spps.org

Sincerely,

Koua Yang Athletic Director koua.yang@spps.org

651-744-3104
MCA Testing 2021

The testing window for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) is March 8-May 14. The purpose for the MCAs is to measure achievement towards meeting the Minnesota Academic Standards, measure academic progress of students over time, and to provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness.

All 10th grade students take the MCA Reading Test, all 11th grade students take the MCA Math test, and any student currently enrolled in a Biology course take the MCA Science Test.

Parents/Guardians may refuse to have their student take the MCA tests. To opt out of statewide assessments, the parent/guardian must do one of two options:

- Print and complete attached [form](#) and return it to Como Park Senior High School, 740 Rose Ave. W. St. Paul, MN 55117- attention Jamie Hoffman
- Email Jamie Hoffman at [jamie.hoffman@spps.org](mailto:jamie.hoffman@spps.org) and list: student first and last name, student number, test subject, and reason for refusal.

Deadline to submit refusal will be Thursday April 1st.

According to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), ‘refusing to participate in statewide assessments may impact the school, district, and state’s efforts to equitably distribute resources and support student learning; for the purpose of school and district accountability calculations, your student will not be considered “proficient”.

Please note that if your student refuses to test, they will not have an MCA score that could potentially save time and money by not having to take remedial, non-credit courses at a Minnesota State college or university.
GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT COMO

The Como Park JROTC "PT" team continues to adapt to the cool weather and safely socially distant themselves in the great outdoors of the Como Park High School grounds. It was a real hoot as many of them experienced the cross-country ski trek up and down the softball field hills for the first time. Pictured is Ve Shar (10), Nayblut Kasuh (11), Aliser Paw (11), Krisha Rana (9), Kimberly Sanchez Mendez (10) and Johana Juarez Mendez (9).

Congratulations Htoo N De (10) for achieving his promotion to Cadet Lance Corporal meritoriously and congratulations Krisha Rana for achieving her recent promotion to Cadet Lance Corporal. They were both promoted by the Marine JROTC Commanding Officer Major Elta T. Paw.
Courageously several Marine Corps JROTC Cadets stepped outside of their comfort zone and participated in our annual polar plunge at 7.30am on a crispy Saturday morning. Ooh Rah and Semper fi - Staying alive
Attention Seniors!!
Introducing...the senior shirt

Please fill this out to get your free t-shirt!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSAPDASCfnqBG06em9nZV3h5xDpIj_s8vPaP8Z0umyZdk06g/viewform?usp=sf_link