Como staff wants to give a BIG shout out to all the students who:

- Are working hard, completing assignments, and adapting to these difficult circumstances
- Are coming to one-on-one meetings or class Google Meets from their jobs
- Are showing up with multiple siblings in the same room who are also being taught through ipads at the same time
- Are attending classes while caring for sick family members and watching younger siblings

Como students are amazingly resilient, good-hearted, and strive to achieve success during the most stressful times

We notice you, Como. We see you trying your best. We applaud your efforts and we are very proud of all that you’ve accomplished.
ATTENTION CLASS OF 2024!!

The first Wednesday of every month is a Focus on Freshmen, class of 2024 virtual activity. Information will come from student's advisory teachers. Families, please encourage your freshmen to participate in these activities.

Saint Paul Public Schools
THE HOME ENERGY ACTION TALENT (H.E.A.T) CONTEST
We’re wasting energy at home - help us think about how to be more energy efficient! Show us how for a chance to win a $100 Visa® gift card!

Hey Como Students!!!
Do you want a chance to win a $100 Visa Gift Card? Click here for more details.

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PARTNERS IN ENERGY
An Xcel Energy Community Collaboration
Dear Como Senior families,

I am writing to share with you an opportunity for Como Park Senior High 12th graders to recover first quarter credits during distance learning.

Based on the challenges students continue to face in distance learning, Saint Paul Public Schools is offering an opportunity for all 12th grade students who earned a NP grade in one or more classes during the first quarter to earn a D in the first quarter by successfully earning a passing grade in the second quarter.

Any passing grade, A+ thru D-, in the second quarter will result in students receiving a grade of D for the first quarter.

Please ask your student to connect with their teacher(s) and counselor to ensure a passing second quarter grade(s) to recover first quarter credits toward graduation. We will continue to monitor students’ grades and progress toward successful completion of courses. Additional student supports will be communicated to families as the year progresses.

These grading changes for the first quarter strive toward equitable grading practices. We understand that distance learning, along with the stress of living through a pandemic, has an impact on our students.

While SPPS strives to meet the needs of all students during these challenging times, we are particularly focused on supporting our 12th grade students as their ability to graduate on time is limited to this school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Hoffman at jamie.hoffman@spps.org. Thank you for supporting your child and Como Park Senior High.

Thank you,

Kirk Morris, Principal
Como Park Senior High
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome our new Clerical Supervisor, Ms. Caitlin Payton

My name is Caitlin Payton and I am the Clerical Services Supervisor. I have worked at Maxfield Elementary, Johnson Senior High School, Journeys Secondary School, the Juvenile Detention Center, Boys Totem Town, and Care and Treatment Programs. I love to bake, and I have a three-year-old daughter. I am finishing up my undergraduate degree in Mathematics at Metro State. I am very excited to be at Como Senior!

Please welcome our new Career & College Center Coordinator, Ms. Bridgette Kelly

Ms. Bridgette Kelly (she/her/hers) is a Career & College Center Coordinator with AchieveMpls and describes herself as an experiential learning educator. She grew up in Northfield, MN and is a 2012 graduate from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul where she double majored in Psychology and Environmental Studies while also minoring in Business. Her best college memory was spending a semester traveling the world to 11 different countries on a cruise ship that was converted into a floating university. The best part was that she paid for the entire program with scholarship money.

Ms. Bridgette’s career experience spans from nonprofit program management, to corporate sales, to professional acting. Upon returning to the Twin Cities after living in Portland, Maine for 5 years, She felt excited to share her career and college readiness knowledge with students navigating their post-secondary planning process, particularly first generation, low income, and under resourced students. She comes to Como Park High School from the St. Olaf College TRIO Educational Talent Search program where she served as an Academic Advisor at Humboldt High School and Community of Peace Academy in St. Paul.

"I want to remind all students that you do not need to know exactly what you want to do with your life. For now, find one thing that you're interested in and learn everything you can about it. Choose a path that allows you to learn as much as possible about one of your passions. Develop a positive obsession and become the best at whatever it is you want to do."

Students and families can schedule a meeting with Ms. Bridgette at calendly.com/comoccc
Updates from the Counseling Department and the Como Career & College Center (CCC)

IMPORTANT UPDATES + EVENTS

**Juniors! Pre-register for the PSAT** The PSAT is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program and will be administered on January 26, 2021. Due to restrictions, Como Park will only be offering the PSAT for juniors. There are limited spots, so any juniors interested in taking the PSAT, please complete this form: [https://forms.gle/DmnDoyXUdxs1ESv26](https://forms.gle/DmnDoyXUdxs1ESv26). Sophomores, you can also complete the form to be on the waitlist. Mrs. Vang will reach out to you with more information.

**Virtual ACT Prep** The ACT will be administered on March 2, 2021. Now is the perfect time for students to take advantage of virtual test prep courses. Check out this FREE test prep opportunity specifically for Como Juniors and Seniors. Only 50 spots!

- **Alpha Phi Alpha Virtual Test Prep** - Deadline Dec 23 - [Click HERE](https://forms.gle/DmnDoyXUdxs1ESv26) for more information and registration instructions for Como Park students.

**Connecting Home and Learning Workshop** Join Get Ready! for an upcoming parent/guardian workshop regarding the benefits of setting expectations for your student, discussing factors that help students succeed, and more!

- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Wednesday, December 16th – Spanish Session
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Thursday, December 17th - English Session

Register Online: [https://tinyurl.com/GetReadyMN](https://tinyurl.com/GetReadyMN)

Folks will have the opportunity to register up until December 14th. However, to receive a packet by mail must register by December 6th, 2020. **The first 50 parents/guardians who register and attend this session will get a $25 gift card!**

**Financial Aid Fridays** - Fridays, 2-3 PM - Google Meet: [g.co/meet/CPHSComoCCC](g.co/meet/CPHSComoCCC)

Drop-in for support completing the FAFSA or MN Dream Act, applying for scholarships, and regarding questions you have on paying for post-secondary education

[Click HERE](https://forms.gle/DmnDoyXUdxs1ESv26) for more information on College Resources + Events, Student Career Resources, Family Resources, and Paying for College

CONTACT US

Counseling Department Website
Career & College Center Website
Spread the word!

Ramsey County will qualify individuals who are living in Ramsey County impacted economically by COVID-19. Ages 18-24.

TechPak Giveaway

TechPak contains:
- Refurbished laptop
- Hotspot for internet access
- Quickstart guides
- Pre-loaded bookmarks to assist in job searches and trainings.

Email sign up to be considered eligible: thejkmovement@gmail.com | Phone: 651-558-7815
Pick ups at JK Movement Center 1063 Iglehart Ave St. Paul, MN 55104
Congratulations to Culinary Arts 1 students for earning their **FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATE**. This Certificate helps students earn money and get jobs easier and is required in many states to work in the food industry.

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2020 PCIARC Virtual Youth Townhall

Thursday December 10, 2020
4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Microsoft Teams

The event aims to connect with youth and highlights the work of the Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission (PCIARC):

- PCIARC Process
- Saint Paul Community Ambassadors Program
- Youth Feedback and Breakout Discussions

The PCIARC reviews and makes disciplinary and policy recommendations to the Saint Paul Chief of Police on civilian initiated police conduct complaints.

Please Use the QR Code Below to Register
Language and Communication Accommodations Available Upon request
Contact: jay.middlebrook@ci.stpaul.mn.us
For More Information Contact PCIARC Coordinator:
- 651-266-8970
- civilianreview@ci.stpaul.mn.us
- www.stpaul.gov/pciarc

The Most Livable City in America
CONGRATS TO THE COMO BOYS SOCCER TEAM FOR A GREAT 2020 SEASON!

Varsity: The 2020 boys varsity finished 6-6-1, 4th in the City Conference and 3rd in the Conference Tournament. After defeating Johnson in the section tournament opening match, the season ended in a shootout defeat to Washington.

Top row (left to right): Boe Reh, Jayvion Srey, Kalid Ali, Drew Lancaster, Abdirashid Daud, Ramesh Tameng, Ethan Lee, Takato Muramatsuo Bottom row: (left to right) Shukur Bati, Abduli Tusa, Gordon Van Sant, Alo Tusa, Damian Perryman, Emmanuel Molinos Lopez, Kevin Iragaba (Captain); Edgar Omar Infante Rodriguez, Soren Berg, Victorie Mwakana NOT PICTURED: Hamse Djama, Saw Nay Kleh

Honors:
Kevin Iragaba- All State 2nd Team, All Conference
Hamse Djama- All Conference
Shukur Bati- All Conf. Honorable Mention
Boe Reh- All Conf. Honorable Mention
Kyaw Myint Oo- All Conf. Honorable Mention

Junior Varsity: Finishing with a record of 5-5-1, the 2020 JV team delivered rival Central's only loss in the city with a come from behind, last minute 2-1 victory. The team finished in 4th place in the City Conference.

Back row (left to right): Alexander Kamenov, Chris Rukanika, Rais Jafer, Koe Reh, Nay Tha Soe Htoo, Baw Htoo, Lay Wah Taw, Htoo Kyi Lay, Damian Perryman, Moti Milkeso, coach Jeff Steiner front row (left to right): Sae Reh, Abdi Ali, Mahamud Ali, Deg Ali, Mohamednoor Mohamed, Soodal Adoow, Gra Mae, Ah Bro See, Eh Ka Lae, Pa Reh, Gay Htoo, Pho Nay Tar, Blak Say Wah
B team: After a slow start, the B team won 3 of their final 5 matches, to finish 3-4 on the season. Coach Zangs remarked that the team made terrific progress.

Back row (left to right): Gus Otsby, Emmerson Spencer, Ve Ah Ree Shar, Khay Hla, Liam Schwie, Liam Donegal, Yorbi Lopez Liblano, Thay Ler See, Sae Reh, Wah Saw Tamalar, Began Gurung, Baw Reh, Coach Zngs
sitting (left to right): Diego Guevera, Kwai Lay Lo, Hayden

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Kalid Ali for being a 2020 QuestBridge National College Match Recipient. He was matched with Macalester College and will be attending Macalester next year!

The QuestBridge National College Match connects high-achieving high school seniors from low-income backgrounds with a full four-year scholarship, worth over $200,000 to the nation’s top colleges. The QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship is very competitive. Out of the 18,500 applicants, QuestBridge selected 6,885 Finalists. 1,464 Finalists were matched with one of QuestBridge’s 42 college partners.

Way to go Kalid! Como is very proud of you!!