

COMMUNITY EDUCATION



STMA HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS

Recently, 38 outstanding STMA High School students competed at the Robotics World Championship in Houston, Texas, among 600 of the best teams worldwide, with over 50,000 attendees from 50+ countries. They achieved 5th place globally, earning their spot on the renowned “Einstein Field” after becoming “Curie” division champions. Their dedication is inspiring!

SUMMER BROCHURE

We opened our Summer registration on April 9 and within the first week we had 1,500 participants register for Summer enrichment classes! We’d like to thank all our local staff and instructors who help provide a safe and engaging experience for our community. Your dedication and passion do not go unnoticed. Thank you!

YOUTH ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Get ready for an action-packed summer at STMA Community Ed! From captivating STEM classes to creative art camps and exciting horse camps, there’s something for everyone, regardless of age. Don’t miss out on trendy offerings like Find Your Voice for middle schoolers or our brand-new 3-5 year old classes. Spots are filling up quickly, so be sure to secure yours soon! Stay informed about new sessions and classes by following us on Facebook, visiting our website regularly, and keeping an eye out for our monthly Community Education Newsletter. Get ready for a summer full of fun and learning!

YOUTH RECREATION

Get ready to turn up the fun and turn down the boredom with our summer youth recreation programs, we’ve got something for every energetic kid out

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there. Check out the following offers and register now to give your athlete an outlet for all that summer excitement.

Ball Activities: Ages 3-5.

Tues/Thur, 2 sessions 9:30-10:10 am and 10:20-11:00 am

June 11-27 and July 9-July 25

This class is a blend of foundational skill-building and fun. Watch as your child discovers the excitement of playing with soccer balls, kickballs, and more, all while developing coordination and social skills.

Knights T-Ball: Ages 5-6.

Tues/Thur, 5:15-6:00 pm and 6:15-7:00 pm Mon/Wed, June 11-27, 5:15-6:00 pm and July 8-24 6:15-7:00 pm

Children will learn the fundamentals of the game including fielding, catching, throwing, hitting, and base running all in a fun, positive environment. This program is designed to develop baseball skills and does not primarily focus on game play.

Running Club: Grades 5-7.

Wednesdays, 7:00-7:45 pm.

June 5-July 31.

This program is brings youth together on group runs. Some weeks will include fun games that incorporate running.

Dash Sports: Soccer, Basketball, Flag Football, Phy ed games, Track and Field camp, Multi-Sport camp.

Key sports skills will be taught and practiced in all sports so athletes will come out of camp with a great understanding of key skill components and gameplay of each sport. Camp ends with games/scrimmages on the final day for each sport where athletes can showcase their skills.



EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

In 2024, we will mark the 50th anniversary of ECFE in Minnesota.

As we’ve grown through a myriad of programs, partnerships, and initiatives, the mission of ECFE has always been to strengthen families and to provide support to families for the healthy growth and development of their children.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Purpose of the Community Education Advisory Council is to advise and assist the Community Education department in the fulfillment of the Community Education mission of providing quality lifelong learning opportunities for all residents. If you are interested and have time in your schedule to meet four times per year, please contact **Cameron Goude** at camerong@mystma.org.

INSTRUCTORS WANTED!

Do you have a passion for technology, cooking, or other talents? Community Education is in need of your talents to share with children or adults. Any age or skill level welcome, no prerequisite to teaching needed. Teach a class after school or in the evening. Contact **Amber Sundal** at ambersu@mystma.org if you are interested!



ST. MICHAEL-ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

EXCELLENCE IS OUR TRADITION

KNIGHT VIEW

DISTRICT NEWS

Nurturing Voices, Empowering Futures

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, the commitment of STMA Schools to understanding and meeting the diverse needs of our stakeholders remains unwavering. We are proud to affirm our dedication to listening to and valuing the voices of our students, staff, families, and community members.

We recognize that our stakeholders are not just recipients of education but active participants in shaping it. That’s why we have worked hard to establish a robust framework for engagement, ensuring that voices are not only heard but also valued, respected, and acted upon.

Our approach to stakeholder engagement encompasses multiple facets. We offer numerous avenues for input, ranging from listening sessions, student forums, to advisory councils. By actively seeking feedback and ideas, we ensure that every voice has a platform to contribute to the enhancement of our educational community.

Listening is just the beginning. We are committed to translating stakeholder input into tangible action. Whether it’s enhancing curriculum, improving facilities, or refining policies, the perspectives shared by our stakeholders serve as invaluable guides in our decision-making process.

As we navigate the complexities of the educational landscape, one thing remains constant: our dedication to excellence. STMA takes pride in its tradition of academic rigor, diverse extracurricular activities, vibrant arts programs, and competitive athletics. However, we understand that maintaining excellence requires continuous evolution, and we are eager to embrace change guided by the insights of our stakeholders.

Frequent and comprehensive stakeholder feedback are essential pillars of our decision-making process. By prioritizing the needs and aspirations of our students, we ensure that every action we take is in the best interest of their growth and development.

Below are some of the ways we listen to and value the voices of each stakeholder group:

- **Magnifying Student Voices:** We place a strong emphasis on student input and engagement throughout all our decision-making processes. Through the implementation of programs such as K-12 Superintendent Student Forums, student councils, Superintendent for a Day, WEB Leaders, Knights Leadership Council, and a range of

student affinity groups, we prioritize hearing and valuing student voices. We use this feedback to guide our actions and inform our decision making. Students are encouraged to connect with staff members in their buildings to learn more about these opportunities.

- **Empowering Staff Voices:** Staff from all job classifications are vital contributors to our educational community. We listen to their insights and experiences through listening sessions, staff meetings, professional development sessions, and departmental feedback mechanisms. By valuing staff input, we ensure that their expertise informs our decision-making processes and enhances the overall educational experience for our students.
- **Fostering Family Partnerships:** Our commitment to building and enhancing family partnerships remains steadfast. Through initiatives such as open houses and walk-throughs, advisory councils, and family engagement opportunities, we bring together all essential stakeholders. These efforts cultivate a sense of connectedness and unity within our school community while equipping families with the support and resources they need to be active participants in their child’s education.
- **Engaging with the Community:** We recognize the importance of community partnerships. We actively engage with community members through advisory councils, volunteer opportunities, and partnerships with local organizations and cities. By fostering open communication and collaboration, we strengthen ties with the broader community, ensuring that our schools reflect and serve the needs of the community at large.



We encourage families and community members to engage in the decision making process by serving on any of our 19 advisory councils. To express interest, complete the STMA Interest Indicator by scanning the QR code.

As we look ahead, let us remember that our strength lies in our unity. Together, as a collective force committed to putting students first while pursuing educational excellence, we will continue to nurture voices, empower futures, and shape the next generation of leaders. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to STMA Schools.



ANN-MARIE FOUCAULT
Superintendent

SCHOOL NEWS

ALBERTVILLE PRIMARY

Kindergarten Students Get the Opportunity to Tour Their Elementary School

Each spring, our kindergarten students get the opportunity to tour the elementary school that they will be attending for first grade. The tour provides students with a brief exposure to their new elementary school and helps students with a successful transition to first grade. Our students love seeing their new gym, cafeteria, and playground. First grade, here we come!



BIG WOODS ELEMENTARY

Big Woods students competed in a food drive to support families in the area. Hundreds of items were donated to the Hanover Food Shelf. Our 4th grade leadership team helped load the boxes and serve our community. Way to go, Big Woods!



FIELDSTONE ELEMENTARY

Bigfoot Visit At Fieldstone

Fieldstone students and families read the story *Bigfoot, Littlefoot* by Ellen Potter during February which was I Love to Read Month. “Bigfoot” visited Fieldstone to celebrate the completion

of the wonderful story. Thank you to our awesome PTO for purchasing the books for our families!



ST. MICHAEL ELEMENTARY

We are excited to announce that the St. Michael Elementary PTO will be using fundraising dollars to enhance our playground with new equipment, including additional swings and a large climbing structure. Thank you to all the families who donated to our Fun Run, making these upgrades possible. The new structures will be installed this summer.



The new equipment will enhance the playground adjacent to the structure installed last summer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST

Fifth and sixth grade students had a blast at the recent Activity Night at Middle School East! They played games, danced, talked with friends, and enjoyed many treats! Thank you to all of the volunteers who joined in the fun!



MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST

The 5th grade Math Masters Teams competed on April 10 in Sartell. The STMA Middle School West Gold team placed 1st and the STMA Middle School West Blue team placed 4th. Flynn B. placed first in the fact drill round and Micah C. placed first in the problem solving competition.



HIGH SCHOOL

The end of our school year reminded us why the work of education is so crucial. Seniors who successfully navigated our hallways and course offerings for four years are awarded a diploma at our May 31 graduation ceremony. The relationships forged within our walls coupled with an excellent educational experience have our graduates poised to take their next steps with confidence. The work of education is crucial because our students are crucial to our future.

KNIGHTS ACADEMY

The ALP had a unique opportunity to work with Legacy 2 Inspire this year. Each week they brought a mobile woodworking station to the ALP. This was an amazing opportunity for our ALP students to explore some new elective options!



STMA HR and Jobs

We strive to be a local employer of choice and a destination district to work and build a career. STMA Schools is seeking to add professional staff in multiple departments including food service, paraprofessionals, after-school child care, maintenance, and substitutes. We offer competitive wages and benefits. Visit the Employment webpage to view openings and apply for a rewarding position serving students. For additional information about job opportunities contact STMA HR at 763-497-3180, option 3.

STMA ONLINE

Registration for STMA Online will begin on August 1 for the 24-25 school year. STMA Online classes fill up fast. We are enrolling grades 7-12 for both supplemental and comprehensive programming.

ACTIVITY CENTER

Adults over 62 years of age that reside in the STMA school district are eligible for a FREE walking track membership on the upper track at the Activity Center. Individual and family memberships are available for purchase at the High School Activity Center. The Activity Center has 8 courts, baseball/softball cages, a fitness center, and an indoor walking track. Memberships are available online at stmaactivitycenter.recdesk.com or at the Activity Center Office. For information, contact **Colin Downs** at colind@mystma.org or call the Activity Center at 763-497-6541.



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about anything you read in this newsletter, please call us at 763-497-3180!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

WRESTLING

The STMA Wrestling team won their 10th state title in program history on February 29, winning the championship match 47-10. It was an outstanding season. Well done, wrestlers and coaches. **Individual Wrestlers** STMA had 3 individual wrestling state champions in 2023. Senior **Jed Wester** (46-1), junior **Landon Robideau** (55-0), and sophomore **John Murphy** (34-1) all were state champions. It was the 2nd title for Jed and 3rd in a row for Landon. Congratulations to all 3 on an incredible season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Girls Basketball team finished 3rd in the MSHSL AAAA Girls State Tournament. They won their 3rd consecutive Section 8AAAA title. Great job, players and coaches!

ONE ACT PLAY

The STMA One Act play



Wrestling State Champions

participated in the MSHSL AA State Festival on February 9. Their show, *Dark Road*, was moving and powerful. The cast, crew, and directors should be proud!



GYMNASTICS

The STMA Gymnastics team competed in the State Meet on February 24, finishing in 5th place. This was the 3rd straight year the team advanced to the State Meet. It was an amazing season for the gymnasts and coaches! **Individual Gymnast** STMA Senior **Jackie Bergeron** won the all-around portion and three out of four events at the individual portion of the State Gymnastics Meet. She was also named Ms. Gymnast Minnesota.

Teacher of the Year Semifinalist

Congratulations to STMA High School Choral Director Mr. **Joe Osowski** for being named a semifinalist for the 2024 Minnesota Teacher of the Year! Mr. Osowski was one of 27 semifinalists! Mr. Osowski is an exceptional educator and excels at building and nurturing relationships with students, colleagues, and families. He works tirelessly to provide unique opportunities for his students and exemplifies our strong tradition of excellence! We couldn't be prouder of him!



2023-2024 Assistant Principal of the Year

Mr. **Lynn Jennissen**, Assistant Principal at St. Michael-Albertville Middle School West, was named this year's recipient of the Minnesota Assistant Principal of the Year Award by the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals. Mr. Jennissen understands the importance of fostering shared responsibility by delegating leadership and individual ownership of the school's vision to faculty and students so that they can create an environment that is inclusive and all feel valued. Mr. Jennissen has been assistant principal at STMA since 2009.



Girls' Basketball 3rd Place at State

AAA AWARD

Seniors **Lillian Covert** and **Will Dorfsman** were chosen as this year's AAA Award winners for STMA. They both excel in the Arts, Athletics, and Academics and represent STMA in a positive way in all aspects!



CONCERT CHOIR

The STMA Concert Choir performed in Omaha at the Midwestern Regional ACDA Conference on February 9. It was a remarkable performance and the directors in attendance were very impressed!



Staff Spotlight

Activities Director **Keith**

Cornell reflects the district's commitment to placing students first and excellence. Director Cornell has been with the district since 2000 contributing in the roles of math teacher and coach for tennis, weight lifting, and football for 17 years before transitioning into his current role as AD in 2017. In 2022, Director Cornell was selected as the Minnesota Activities Director of the Year for AA Schools. Director Cornell supervises one of the most successful, active, and robust high school activity programs in Minnesota.

