



# AFSA K-12 Family Update

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## August 23, 2024

AFSA K-12 Families,

Don't miss our Back to School Picnics next week! The AFSA High School Back to School Picnic is Tuesday, August 27 from 3-7 p.m. and the AFSA Elementary Back to School Picnic is Thursday, August 29 3-7 p.m. Stop by and meet the teachers, fill out yearly paperwork and so much more!

Thank you!

Important Date Reminders:

- Back to school picnics: AFSA High School Tuesday, August 27 and AFSA Elementary Thursday, August 29
- First Day of School Tuesday, September 3

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## White Bear Township Movie in the Park is **THIS WEEKEND!**

Join us THIS Saturday, August 24th for White Bear Township Movie in the Park! Bring your friends and family out to the movies! Join us at Polar Lakes Park (1280 Hammond Rd) at dusk! AFSA is selling concessions before and during the show. See you at the movies!



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## AFSA K-12 Back to School Picnics

### AFSA High School Picnic (grades 7-12) August 27th:

All high school students and their families are invited to stop by the high school from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27th. Students can pick up their schedules and locker information, stop by the school information booths, fill out required paperwork, drop off medications, meet the teachers and enjoy a picnic dinner! Dinner will be available from 3-7 p.m. (no charge). Pick up the September lunch menu (this will also be posted on the website)!

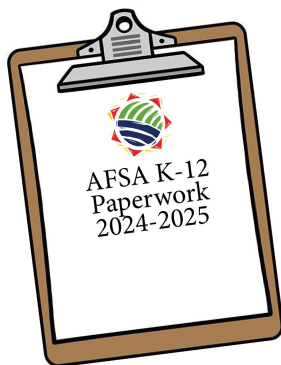


### AFSA Elementary School Picnic (grades Pre-K - 6th) August 29th:

All elementary school students and their families are invited to stop by the elementary school from 3-7 p.m. on Thursday, August 29th. Students and families can meet the teachers, fill out required paperwork, drop off school supplies and medications and enjoy a picnic dinner! Dinner will be available from 3-7 p.m. (no charge). Pick up the September lunch menu (this will also be posted on the website)!

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## AFSA K-12 Back to School Forms/Fee



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AFSA Pre-K-12th grade families need to fill out the following paperwork each school year.

- **Emergency Contact and Permissions form** - Gives us emergency contacts and covers all field trip and media permissions needed during the year.
- **Application for Educational Benefits** - Provides families additional benefits and helps AFSA qualify for grants and funds from the department of education.

Additional forms that may be needed:

- **Medication Authorization form** - This form is needed for all medications your student will need during the school day. Doctors signature may be required please see form for details. Medication and form can be dropped off at the Back to School Picnic.
- **Parking Permit** - For student driver's who will have a car at school.

All forms listed above are attached to this Family Update, can be found on the website and paper copies will be available at both the high school and elementary school Back to School Picnics.

Completed forms may be turned in at the Back to School Picnics, dropped off at the buildings during summer office hours or Elementary (K-6) forms can be emailed to [jhamilton@afsak12.com](mailto:jhamilton@afsak12.com) and high school (grades 7-12) forms can be emailed to [kbarbour@afsak12.com](mailto:kbarbour@afsak12.com)

#### **AFSA K-12 Annual Activity Fee:**

The Annual Activity Fee is \$25 per student. This covers student email accounts, student ID cards, locker use, PowerSchool access and FFA dues. Students will not receive their school ID unless this fee is paid. Fee can be paid online (see below) or in the school office at either the elementary or high school. If this fee presents a financial hardship for your family please contact our Interim Executive Director, [Becky Meyer](#).

[Click here to pay activity fee online.](#)



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**Application for Educational Benefits Packet 24.25.pdf**

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**Medical Authorization Form 24.25.pdf**

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**Parking Permit Application 24.25.pdf**

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## **Interested in Car Pooling?**

Is your family interested in carpooling to school? We want to connect you with other families that also would like to carpool!



### Specific Carpool Need in the following area:

North St. Paul/Maplewood area

If you live in North St. Paul/Maplewood or in another area and are interested in carpooling please contact [Ms. Angie](#) (651-209-3910) she will help get you connected with other interested families.

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## AFSA's 11th Annual Potato Hug



**October 5, 2024**  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



ALL ARE WELCOME!  
SALE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Join us for our 11th Annual Potato Hug on Saturday, October 5th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at AFSA High School!

The Hug is a showcase of student projects, school offerings, and community involvement. This event provides students with a venue to display their FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects. Students design an entrepreneurial experience, research project, exploratory project, internship, or service type activity. Students are able to be vendors at the Potato Hug to sell

their products created for their SAE. Each project is an opportunity for students to demonstrate professionalism, develop entrepreneurial skills, and showcase their hard work.

Not only do we have students selling their creations but we also have a baked potato bar, a student art show and more!

Students in grades 7-12 interested in participating in this year's Potato Hug as a vendor need to fill out a registration form and pay the \$5 student vendor fee. Sign up form is attached or [click here to access the forms online and get more information](#). Forms (with all signatures) and fee are due no later than September, 30th.

Students who would like to submit a piece of artwork for the art show should contact [Ms. Forliti](#) for more information.

See you at the Hug!



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# AFSA K-12 Bus Routes 2024-2025

Watch your email next week for updated bus route information! Updated route information can also be picked up at the Back to School Picnics. Any questions please contact [transportation@afsak12.com](mailto:transportation@afsak12.com)



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## IMPORTANT - Road Construction Information



Please be aware of a road construction project that will impact how our AFSA High School Team Members, students, and families reach the high school.

Starting on August 12th, the intersection at Edgerton St and Centerville Rd (by Bigwood Brewery) will be closed for approximately 90 days with no through traffic for utility installation.

Please use Rice Street and proceed to Vadnais Blvd W to access AFSA High School until further notice.

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## AFSA K-12 Cell Phone Policy 2024-2025

AFSA's Proposed New Student Cell Phone and "Related Technology Device" Rules & Guidelines for 2024-2025 School Year

Cell phones have become a way of life, a technological convenience that has impacted all of us in many ways. However, in the school environment, cell phones can be a distraction, an interruption, and occasionally, a tool to exchange inappropriate information. Beginning on the first day of the school year, cell phones or other electronic devices including smart watches and earbuds/air pods (see proposed policy for full list) will not be allowed during instructional time within our classrooms.

This new guideline will help us create a more positive environment where uninterrupted learning can take place. We believe this new guideline will allow our students to be more engaged in classroom activities, and, conversely, less likely to be distracted by non-school activities. It will allow teachers to focus on lessons, instead of cell phone distractions in the classrooms.

As more research around the impacts of cell phone use of adolescents is being published, we understand that it can lead to increased mental health issues in adolescents. As protecting and supporting the mental health of our students is a priority, we believe that limiting cell phone use during school will assist us in these endeavors.

We recognize that cell phones are a safety and security tool for parents and students to stay connected. After reviewing the parent/guardian and teacher surveys from this past spring, AFSA will allow cell phones and “related technology devices” on both campuses. However, we do have procedures on when and if students can use them during the day, how it will be implemented, and the possible consequences when students are misusing them or not following the procedures.

Please see the attached Proposed Policy that explains and outlines our cell phone and “related technology devices” policy in more depth. It is a proposed policy until the board approves it at the August board meeting.

Please review this proposed policy with your student prior to the start of school.

We greatly appreciate your partnership with the AFSA Administration and Teachers to maximize your student’s learning experience and potential while at AFSA.

If you have any questions about this proposed policy, please contact Interim Executive Director, [Becky Meyer](#).

Sincerely,  
AFSA Administration



**Proposed Cell Phone Policy - Website.pdf**

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## **AFSA Eagle's Club - Pre-K through 6th Grade**

We are excited to announce AFSA Eagle's Club is open for registrations for any AFSA student Pre-K through 6th grade. This program is a great option for families looking for after school care or after school clubs. Through Eagle's Club AFSA staff will provide care and activities from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. While students are in our care, we provide a high-quality curriculum with engaging activities for all ages. Eagle's Club will offer themed days of the week (see hand book for more information), so families can register for specific days of the week or on a full-week schedule.



The cost to attend Eagle's Club is \$20 per child per day. Additional program details are outlined in the handbook linked below. If you have any questions please contact [Kate Bald](#) 651-209-3924.

[To Register Please Click Here!](#)



Eagles Club Handbook (2024-2025).pdf

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## AFSA K-12 School Supply Lists 2024-2025

Supply Lists for the 2024-2025 School Year are attached!

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## AFSA Eagles Volleyball - Summer Practices Have Begun



**SUMMER  
VOLLEYBALL  
PRACTICE**

AFSA Volleyball is looking for players that want to start practicing!

Meet the **COACH!**

See your **TEAM!**

Play some **BALL!**

**STARTING  
AUG. 12  
@ AFSA HS**

If interested or any questions,  
please email [avorwald@afsak12.com](mailto:avorwald@afsak12.com)

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# AFSA High School Sports Interest Survey



AFSA Athletics' goal is to engage students in extracurricular activities so they can experience positive interactions, develop sportsmanship, dedication, fortitude, and a positive work ethic while participating in the physical activity and skill development of a competitive sport. If you are interested in getting involved with any of our sports (Cross Country, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball) in the 2024-2025 school year, please follow the QR code or [click here](#) and fill out the AFSA Sports Interest Form.



AFSA Sports Club Flyer.pdf

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## AFSA K-12 Summer Office Hours

### AFSA Elementary Summer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### AFSA High School Summer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday - CLOSED

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## Help Spread the Word About AFSA K-12



Attention AFSA K-12 Families! We need your help getting the word out about AFSA K-12! We would love to have you write a review on Google, share a post on social media, submit a quote or story about what you like best about AFSA K-12 or distribute flyers!

- **Flyers:** If you are interested in getting some flyers to help advertise the school please contact [Ms. Forliti](#).
- **Google Reviews:** To write a Google review for [AFSA Elementary click here](#) and for [AFSA High School click here](#).
- **Social Media:** To follow us on [Facebook click here](#). To follow us on [Instagram click here](#).



- **Submit a Quote:** If you are interested in submitting a quote or story, please fill out the [AFSA Cheer Google Form](#) or email [Ms. Forliti](#).

Thank you for helping spread the word about AFSA K-12!

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## AFSA K-12 Family Directory



The school directory is a great way for AFSA K-12 families to stay in touch! [Click here if you are a current or incoming AFSA K-12 family and would like to be added to the 2024-2025 school directory.](#) The directory will be emailed out to all participating families. If you have been in past directories you will still need to sign up this year to be included. **Questions? Please contact [Ms. Forliti](#)**

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## Become a Part of the AFSA StAFSA Community - Now Hiring!

Become a part of the AFSA StAFSA community! We are looking for a few additional staff members. Please pass these opportunities on to friends and family!

- We are looking for substitute teachers for grades K-12, all subjects. Must hold or be eligible for an MN teaching license. On call as needed.
- We are also hiring Educational Assistants
- [Click here to see all open positions](#)  
Please contact [Becky Meyer](#) for more information.



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## AFSA K-12 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

The 2024-2025 AFSA K-12 School Calendar is attached to this newsletter!  
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## AFSA K-12 Upcoming Events 2023-2024

### August 24, 2024

AFSA K-12 - White Bear Township Movie in the Park  
Polar Lakes Park at Dusk

### September 3, 2024

AFSA K-12 - First Day of School

### September 17, 2024

AFSA K-12 - Culver's Night  
Little Canada Culver's 5-7 p.m.

### September 18, 2024

AFSA K-12 - Picture Day

### September 21, 2024

AFSA K-12 - White Bear Animal Hospital Open House  
White Bear Lake 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### September 27, 2024

AFSA K-12 - Farm and Community Service Day  
Grades K-6 No School

### October 3, 2024

AFSA K-12 - Open House  
Both Campuses 4-7 p.m.  
AFSA Elementary Numeracy Night 4-7 p.m.

[Click Here to go to the School Calendar](#) for more details

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## AFSA K-12 Contact Information

Please call the attendance line or email the following if your student is absent.

### Elementary Attendance Line:

612-260-2664 or email [k6attendance@afsak12.com](mailto:k6attendance@afsak12.com)

### High School Attendance Line:

651-209-3910 or email [hsattendance@afsak12.com](mailto:hsattendance@afsak12.com)

[www.afsak12.com](http://www.afsak12.com)

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