

The Brighter Bulletin

St. Anthony New Brighton Family Newsletter

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Hello SANB Families!

Welcome back to the Brighter Bulletin where you'll get all the important updates and reminders you need to have a successful school year.

Staying Connected & Staying Safe

Minnesota school districts are working to implement new cellphone policies by March 15, 2025. This has sparked important conversations about the role of cellphones in our schools, especially in the event of a critical incident. **To address these concerns, SANB Schools has adopted Standard Response Protocols (SRP) which provides clear and consistent actions for staff and students to follow during any incident, from a minor spill to a major emergency.**

We understand the desire to be in contact with your children during emergencies. However, it's crucial to understand that using cellphones during a crisis can actually hinder emergency response efforts. **Overloaded networks can prevent first responders from communicating effectively, and inaccurate information shared on social media can create further chaos and confusion.**

In the event of an emergency, the school district will communicate updates and information directly to parents/guardians through email, text, and the district Facebook page.

Standard Response Protocols (SRP)

- **What is SRP?** SRP is a comprehensive and concise set of protocols designed to ensure everyone's safety with a coordinated response.
- **How does it work?** Staff and students are trained on SRP and participate in practice drills five times a year. Clear SRP posters are displayed in every classroom as reminders.
- **Why SRP?** SRP helps us respond effectively to any situation, ensuring a coordinated effort between our schools and, if needed, the St. Anthony Fire and Police Departments.

Working Together for Safety

While SRP addresses emergency situations, our school board is also developing a cellphone policy to cover everyday use. Each building has built processes that aim to minimize distractions in the classroom while providing clear guidelines for appropriate cellphone use. We appreciate your cooperation in understanding the importance of limiting cellphone use during critical incidents.

We believe that SRP provides the most effective way to respond to emergencies. Please feel free to contact your child's school with any questions or concerns you may have about the new cellphone policy or SRP. **You can also learn more by visiting the [district website](#).**

SANB School Board Chair Letter to Star Tribune Editor

Related to the SRP information above, School Board Chair, Ben Phillip, wrote a letter to the Star Tribune editor on October 13 in response to an article on cellphone bans in schools. You can read this letter and the article below:

“I appreciate Myron Metcalf’s thoughtful Oct. 6 column regarding cellphone usage in school as Minnesota school districts grapple with implementing a policy by March 15, 2025 (**“It’s time to revisit cellphones in school”**). Metcalf says he is not convinced of an outright cellphone ban as he “feels more comfortable knowing that in a world of mass shootings and other emergencies in our schools, I can communicate with my girls when necessary.” As a father of three school-aged children, I can empathize with him, as I would want to know that my child is safe during an emergency. However, connecting with my child during an event or vice versa could do more harm than good.

Last year, the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District implemented emergency protocols known as Standard Response Protocols (SRP), an initiative that the school board fully endorsed. In the SRP training, staff learned that communicating on cellphones during emergencies uses considerable Wi-Fi and cellphone data that will overwhelm and disable the network that is critical for police, fire and EMS services to use within that location. Using cellphones during these times also invites students and others to potentially post incorrect information on social media.

When we govern our school districts, school boards need to approve cellphone policies that should cover everyday needs. The district administrators should also implement SRPs for those unfortunate “what if” events that could offer solutions for families wanting to communicate with students. However, for the safety of everyone, we should not conflate the two.”

- Ben Phillip, St. Anthony Village

School Board Brief: Key Takeaways

Effective Instruction

- Dr. Tamika Fuller, the Director of Effective Instruction (EI), presented to the board on goals, metrics, accomplishments, and professional development support for licensed staff regarding EI processes at SANB.

School Board 2025 Legislative Platform Graphic

- The SANB Communications Team presented a draft design of the board's legislative platform that will be presented to Minnesota state legislators next year. The final approved version of the platform will be shown to families as well.

Information about school board meeting dates, agendas, and recordings can be found on the district website here.

Asynchronous Day: Nov. 1. What to Expect

No School for the Following Students:

- All Wilshire Park
- Early Childhood Family Education
- Half-Day Preschool

SAMS / SAVHS In-Person Students:

- If your student is significantly behind on schoolwork, their teacher will send a request (by Oct. 30) for them to be in-person on Nov. 1.
- Regular bussing, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.
- Students requested to be in-person will have 1-1 time with their teachers to catch up with any missed or lower-marked assignments. Students will work in the commons or auditorium throughout the day.
- Once missing and lower-marked work is completed, in-person students may remain at school until their bus arrives / the school day is over OR be excused and finish their studies at home.

SAMS / SAVHS Distance-Learning Students:

- Families may request for their student(s) to be in-person on Nov. 1.
- Regular bussing, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.
- Teachers will post assignments in Google Classroom for students to complete.
- Distance learning students are required to complete the attendance check-in / question before 2:45 to be marked present for the day.

If you have questions about the Nov. 1 asynchronous day, please contact your student's school.

Upcoming Fundraisers & Vaccination Clinics



Upcoming Eagle Bluff fundraisers:

Support the 8th Grade outdoor retreat to Eagle Bluff by eating at local restaurants this month!

Monday, October 28th
4:00pm - 9:00 pm
Roseville, MN
Mention the fundraiser.
In-person only.

Wednesday, November 6th
4:00pm - 8:00 pm
Roseville, MN
Mention the fundraiser or use code "GIVING25" online.

The graphic features a central white rounded rectangle with a dark green border, set against a background of yellow and green abstract shapes. At the top left of the rectangle is a yellow sunburst icon. The text is centered and uses bold fonts for dates and restaurant names. Logos for 'Cane's' and 'noodles & company' are placed to the left of their respective event details.

Eagle Bluff Fundraiser

SAMS math teacher, Allie Guidish, is organizing the 8th Grade Eagle Bluff outdoor retreat (a 3-day 2-night field trip!) **Donations from the community make this trip possible.** To help fundraise, Allie has partnered with a few local restaurants.

You can show these flyers at the listed restaurants and mention the fundraiser when you order your food to help our 8th graders!

Kiwanis Annual Fundraiser: Nov. 10

The St. Anthony Kiwanis is sponsoring their annual fundraiser, the Fall Dinner and Auction (both live and silent), on **Sunday, Nov. 10, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Atrium of the Community Center. To order tickets (\$35 each) please email them at stanthonykiwanis@gmail.com.**

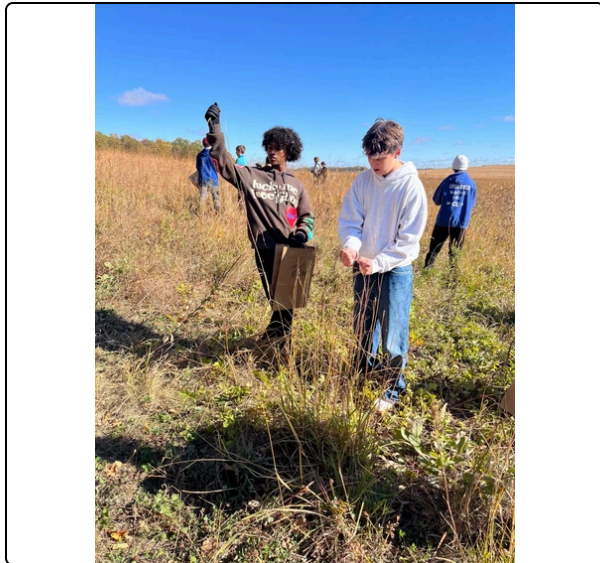
The St. Anthony Kiwanis organization works to fulfill the mission to improve the world one child and one community at a time as they Serve the Children of the World! The organization sponsors leadership groups in SAVHS (Key Club) and Wilshire Park (K-Kids).

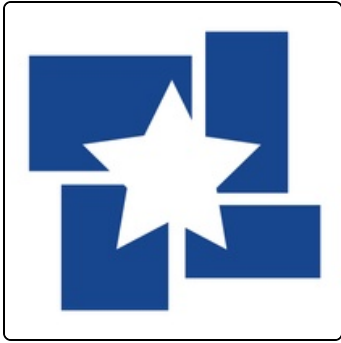
Click the link below to learn more about upcoming measles community vaccination clinics.

Measles Vaccination Clinics

SAMS Students at New Story Farm

8th graders went to New Story Farm in Hutchinson, Minnesota to learn about prairie seed harvesting and regenerative agriculture! They practiced weaving natural materials like cattail and nettle into cordage. *Now how COOL is that???* **You can watch an IG post about the experience here.**





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We seek to engage each child at heart level, shine a light on their brilliance and inspire the capacity to thrive in a world that is not yet fully known.