



The Brighter Bulletin

St. Anthony New Brighton Family Newsletter

DECEMBER 4, 2024

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.

Upcoming Events



SAMS Movie Night: Friday, Dec. 6

All families are invited to the Inside Out 2 Movie Night on Friday, Dec. 6 in the SAVHS Commons!

- This is a **family** event, students must come with an adult.
- A handout with questions for movie discussion will be available.
- There will be snacks, drinks, pizza, and custard for sale.
- Bring a blanket or a cozy stuffie for this awesome movie!



Buy Nothing Toy Store: Saturday, Dec. 14

Next weekend is the third annual Buy Nothing Toy Store!

- Families are encouraged to drop off lightly loved toys to the Buy Nothing Toy Store at the St. Anthony Community Center beginning on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 8am-6 pm and Friday, Dec. 13 from 8am-4pm ([information about donated toys here](#)).
- Parents and kids can shop at the Buy Nothing Toy Store on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 8am-12 pm. [Information on volunteering available here](#).

School Board Brief

Key Takeaways from Tuesday, Dec. 3:

- There was a Truth in Tax presentation on the trends of the SANB budget, revenue, debt, and more.
 - The School Board passed a resolution to remove weighted grades from SAVHS classes that offer college credit beginning in the 25-26 school year.
 - There was a second reading of Policy 606.5 about Library Materials.
 - The SANB Communications team updated the board about upcoming projects and communications plans.
 - The 2025 Legislative Platform design was approved.
 - The Effective Instruction team updated the board about coaching staff and the St. Anthony Village Education Association also updated the board on Effective Instruction expectations and proposals.
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More on the Removal of Weighted Grades

On December 3, 2024, the SANB School Board passed a resolution to remove weighted grades from all St. Anthony Village High School courses to ensure our district remains in compliance with Minnesota state statutes regarding weighted grades in high schools. This decision was made by the School Board after it was studied by the SAVHS administrative team and initially presented to the School Board in October.

Why Now?: Minnesota statute requires that if a school district elects to have weighted grades, all courses that provide post-secondary/college credit shall be weighted. This resolution was passed to provide clarification in high school registration that will occur in early 2025 for the 25-26 school year. The current system of weighted grades is inequitable. This does not meet SANB's commitment to end Disparity, Disproportionality, and Predictability.

Currently, Advanced Placement (AP) and College in Schools (CIS) courses are weighted at SANB, while other courses that also provide college credit, such as Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) and Concurrent Enrollment at 916 Career & Tech, are not. **The new policy equalizes our grading practices across all programs that offer post-secondary credit, complies with the new Minnesota state law and helps ensure fairness and consistency for all students taking classes for college credit.**

Whom Does it Impact?: This will not affect current 11th and 12th graders. Current 9th and 10th graders, and all new students entering SAVHS will be subject to the new non-weighted grading system.

What it Means for College: Colleges and universities use their own internal processes to evaluate GPAs and academic performance during admissions and they're made aware of which school districts do and don't offer weighted grades. Post-secondary institutions do view high school transcripts; enrolling in and showcasing achievement in more advanced courses such as AP, CIS, PSEO, and 916 is often a positive factor in admission evaluations.

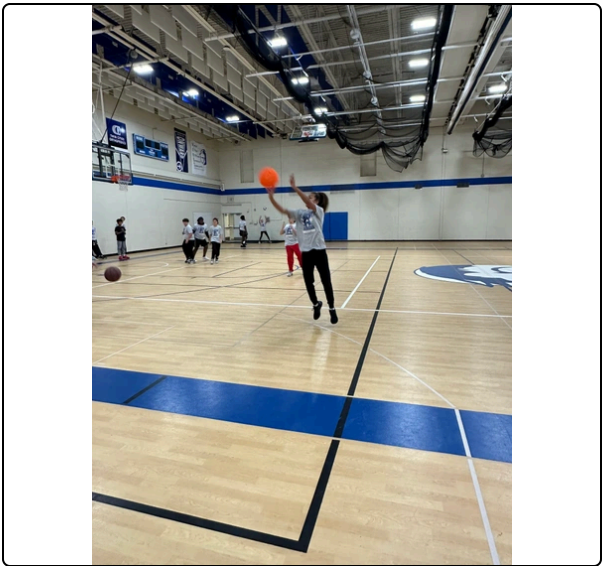
This decision was made to ensure equitable opportunities for all students and to reflect the latest guidance from educational and post-secondary institutions. If you have questions or concerns about this resolution, we encourage you to reach out to SAVHS administrators.

Thank you for being a part of our community and helping us build success for all our students.

District Highlights

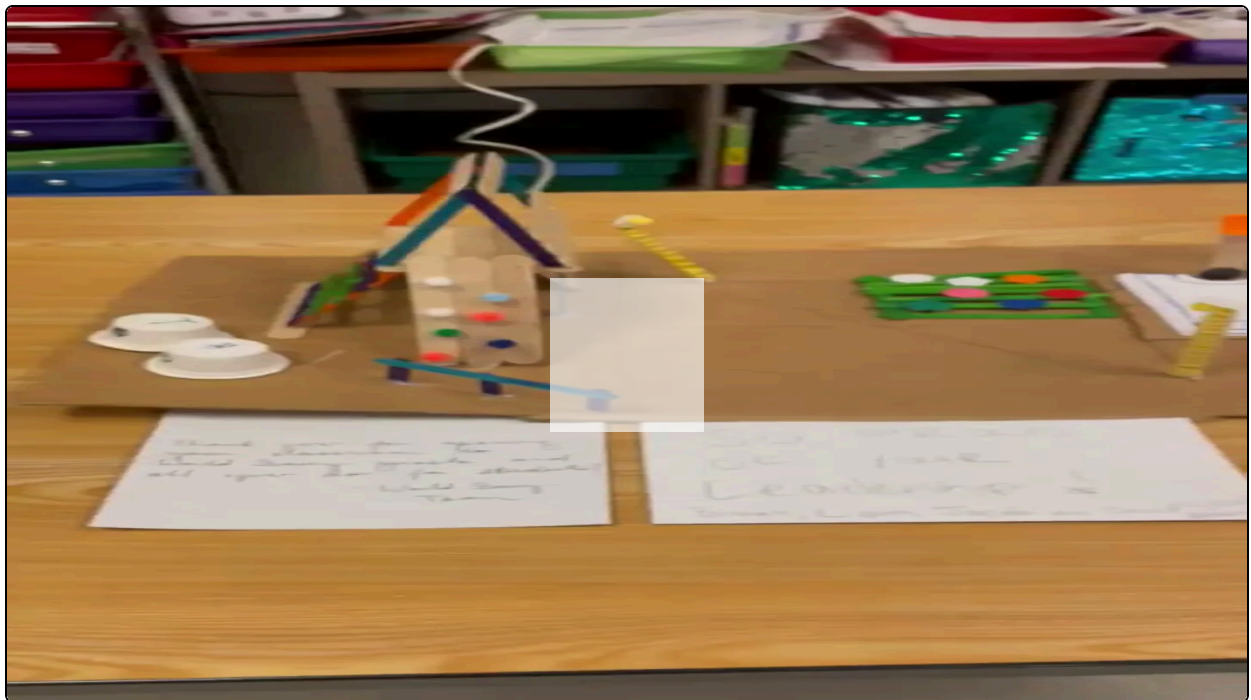
The Future of Basketball: 3D Printing

SAMS 8th Grader, Levi Merrick, 3D printed a basketball at home and brought it to the Lifetime Fitness class to try it out! Look out NBA and WNBA, your next operations engineer is already doing the work!



SAMS Students Help Design a Minneapolis Park

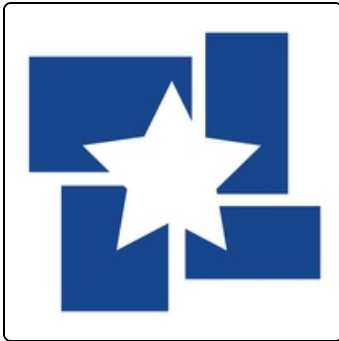
Elora Turner's and Maya Kruger's students designed their 2-D prototype with the Minneapolis community residents in mind. They showed plenty of growth engaging willingly with their team by combining their ideas to collaboratively build a 3-D model of the park!



Upcoming Concerts

SANB bands and the choir have a BIG December and all community members are invited! **To see more upcoming performances and events view the district calendar.** All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 9: Symphonic Concert & Jazz Bands.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 11: 8th & 9th Grade Bands.
 - Thursday, Dec. 12: 6th & 7th Grade Bands.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 18: SAVHS Choir.
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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.