



# ST. MICHAEL-ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

EXCELLENCE IS OUR TRADITION

## KNIGHT VIEW

### STATE OF THE DISTRICT

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view a  
budget  
letter from  
Dr. Foucault



We proudly serve **6,984** students from Pre K - Age 22

#### How many of our students meet or exceed state standards?

Reading **62.0%**  
Math **63.4%**  
Science **52.3%**

#### How do these rankings compare statewide?

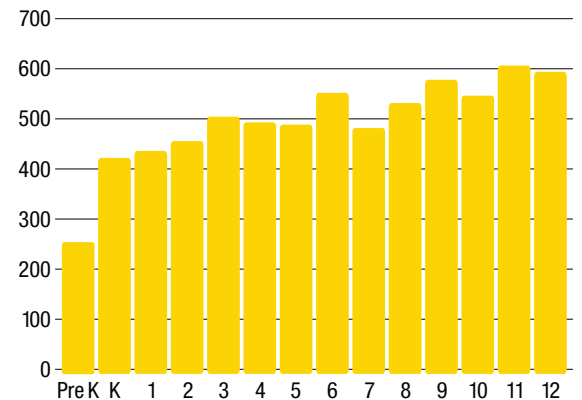
Reading **top 7.8%**  
Math **top 6.1%**  
Science **top 7.1%**



Teachers 342.5  
Paraprofessionals 99  
Other Staff 180.8  
Administrators 21  
Other Licensed Professionals 98.4

Source: Minnesota Dept of Ed

#### 2024-2025 Enrollment By Grade

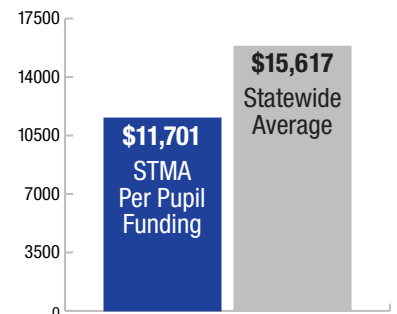


#### What Is Our Financial Outlook?

Five Year Forecast

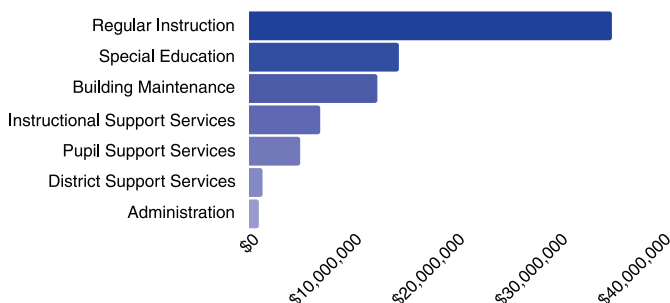
GENERAL FUND	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	82,127,682	84,345,428	86,753,936	88,732,877	92,555,290
Expenditures	80,309,097	85,046,114	88,877,291	92,363,960	96,010,588
Spending Variance	1,818,585	(700,686)	(2,123,355)	(3,631,083)	(3,455,297)
<b>Estimated Fund Balance</b>					
Unassigned Fund Balance %	20.46%	17.15%	12.11%	7.67%	1.47%

#### How Does Our Funding Compare?\*



#### How Is Our Money Spent?\*

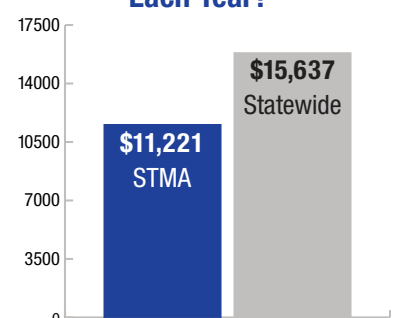
Per Student Spending By Program Category



**We Rank  
323/328  
in MN  
in Per Pupil Funding**

Source: Schools Advocating for Fair Funding

#### How Much is Spent Per Student Each Year?\*



\*Source: 2024 Audited Financial Statements

# SCHOOL NEWS

## ALBARTVILLE PRIMARY

### Monthly Guest Reader Program

Each month, Albartville Primary welcomes guest readers from our school and local community to read to our students. Guest readers read a favorite book to our eager young learners. This is a wonderful chance to demonstrate the joy and importance of reading!



Albartville firefighter Dean Eull was at Albartville Primary in October as part of our monthly guest reader program.

## BIG WOODS ELEMENTARY

The 1st and 2nd grade students celebrate the end of Fall with activities and games in an annual event called **The Harvest Party**. Dozens of parent volunteers and our amazing PTO provide support while students receive face paintings, play games, and complete art projects. This is one of the most exciting mornings for our young learners at Big Woods.



## FIELDSTONE ELEMENTARY

Student Council projects serve and help our students, school, and community! One of our Student Council's

projects, Safety Day, aims to help our students! They made signs and assisted the Safety Patrol! They brought awareness to our school zone, the speed limit, and the safety of our nearly 70 walkers and bikers!



## ST. MICHAEL ELEMENTARY

At St. Michael Elementary, we are focusing on fostering relationships and a positive environment by encouraging students to "get on the bus," inspired by *The Energy Bus for Kids*. Weekly, teachers select students who stand out for their helpfulness and positivity. These students' pictures are then placed on buses displayed in our hallway, recognizing their efforts.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST

Our 7th graders have been learning to survive and thrive more independently in their Family and Consumer

Science classes (FACS). Here, students are learning how to sew and cook! For many of our students, this is their first experience cooking independently or using a sewing machine! They feel a lot of pride for what they are making! Keep up the great work, Mrs. Williams and 7th graders!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST

Fifth-grade students cultivated aeroponic gardens, transforming seeds into a fresh salad in less than six weeks. They took full responsibility for the entire process, from planting and monitoring growth to managing water and pH levels. The hands-on experience culminated in harvesting and tasting their homegrown lettuce, giving students a rewarding experience of enjoying their own cultivated produce.



## HIGH SCHOOL

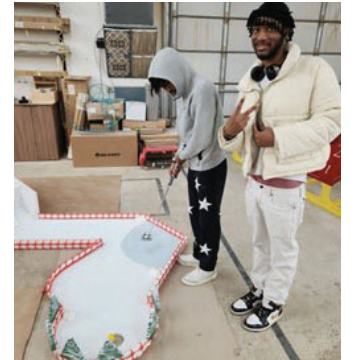
As we begin the second trimester, we are reminded of the importance of the relationships we build with students through the interactions at school. These

connections are foundational in cultivating a supportive and enriching learning environment. Our staff delivers engaging content that prepares students academically and develops their character.



## KNIGHTS ACADEMY

Students at Knights Academy collaborated with Legacy 2 Inspire and RJA Cabinetry to design mini-golf holes for St. Michael Winterfest. Using tools, they cut, filled, sanded, and painted their course designs, applying creativity and problem-solving skills to develop unique and innovative holes.



STMA offers early intervention services that assess, support, and provide specialized instruction for children birth to age three with developmental delays, disabilities, or are at risk for developing delays. Children and their families can receive services in their home, childcare, or other natural learning environment. Together, we ensure every child receives the support they need to thrive! Families can connect with STMA **Early Intervention** by calling **763-497-2688 ext. 1324**.

## SUBSCRIBE TO KNIGHT LINE

Scan the QR code to subscribe to our electronic newsletter, the Knight Line!



**NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS?** Please call 763-497-3180!



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES



6th Place State finish for Volleyball.



*Beauty and the Beast* cast and crew.

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Girls Cross Country team for winning the Section 8AAA Championship and the Boys for finishing 2nd. The girls went on to finish 7th at the State Meet at the University of Minnesota. Great job, runners and coaches!

## VOLLEYBALL

The STMA Volleyball team won the section 8AAAA title and advanced to the state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center for the first time since 2008. The girls finished the season 6th in the state. Outstanding season, girls and coaches.

## HOMECOMING

Homecoming was held the week of September 23-28. The Student Council and NHS did an outstanding job planning events for the week

including the dance Saturday night that saw well over 1200 students in attendance. Homecoming 2025 will be determined this spring.

## FALL MUSICAL

The fall musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, was performed November 7-10 at the STMA PAC. The Spotlight Education program honored STMA's production with an Achievement in Musical Theater. The directors, cast, and crew will perform a medley at the Orpheum in June.

## SWIM & DIVE STATE CHAMP

Lily Van Heel won her 3rd straight state title in the 100 yard backstroke swimming an impressive 53.99. She also finished 2nd in the 200 IM. Congratulations Lily on an outstanding season and swim career at STMA!

## GIRLS SOCCER

The Girls Soccer team won the Section 8AAA title for the 3rd straight year and lost to the eventual state champion Wayzata in the State Quarterfinals. Congratulations to the girls and coaches on a great season!



## ADAPTED SOCCER

The STMA/Buffalo/Monticello Coyotes Adapted Soccer team qualified for the state tournament for the first time in program history. Amazing work by the athletes and coaches and congratulations on a great season!



## APPAREL

STMA offers apparel through the STMA High School Store and a 24/7 online BSN store. Find details at [stmaknights.com](http://stmaknights.com).



## SENIOR CITIZENS

St. Michael and Albertville residents 65+ can obtain a free yearly activity pass at the Activities Office or District Office at Middle School West. Bring proof of residency during school hours.

# STAFF NEWS

## STMA CELEBRATES STAFF EXCELLENCE

### ESS Winners Announced!

Recently, four STMA support staff members were recognized as Educational Support Staff Award [ESS] recipients. These honorees were selected by their peers for being positive role models, inspiring fellow colleagues, students, and their communities, and for being exceptional staff members who recognize students as individuals by showing genuine respect and concern. Their hard work makes STMA a better place for all!



**Carol Newman**  
Administrative Assistant at Big Woods Elementary



**Jan Griffin**  
Due Process Paraprofessional at Middle School East



**Rebecca Peterson**  
Administrative Assistant at Fieldstone Elementary



**Jodi Jung**  
EL Paraprofessional at the High School



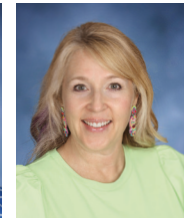
**Lisa Perbix**  
EL Teacher at STMA High School



**Amy Glitsos**  
Special Education Teacher at Middle School East



**Gavin Duncanson**  
Second Grade Teacher at Fieldstone Elementary



**Jeannie Childs**  
First Grade Teacher at Big Woods Elementary

We are grateful to these eight staff members for their leadership, dedication to STMA students, and for always putting kids first!

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

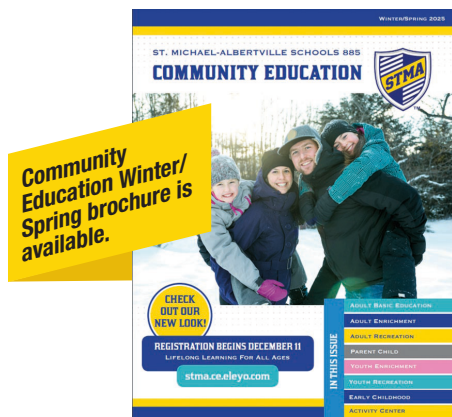
Our Winter/Spring brochure has arrived and it's better than ever! With a fresh, vibrant makeover, it highlights all your favorite classes and activities in an exciting new way.

## SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER REGISTRATION

Our team is already hard at work on the Summer lineup, and we're excited about what's coming next. Stay connected to be the first to know about our exciting new offerings. Summer registration begins at midnight on April 2. Mark your calendars and set your reminders because spots fill up fast!

## TRUE KNIGHTS ACTIVITIES

True Knights provides arts, recreation, and support activities for students with physical, sensory, neurological, and/or developmental disabilities hosted through STMA Community Education. Students from STMA High School and Wings transition program are welcome to attend. Featured below are True Knights participants along with their peer mentors, exploring the art of texture painting with watercolor! You can find out more information on Facebook at STMA True Knights for more information.



## INSTRUCTORS WANTED!

Do you have a passion for technology, cooking, music, or possess other talents? Community Education seeks individuals like you to share your skills with children or adults. Any age or skill level is welcome and no prerequisite to teaching is needed. If interested, contact **Amber Sundal** at [ambersu@mystma.org](mailto:ambersu@mystma.org).

## ADULT PROGRAMS

STMA Community Education is thrilled to launch exciting new classes just for adults! Explore offerings like flower arranging, sourdough making, sound bathing, swimming, Bob Ross painting, and more. There's something for everyone—join us and try something new!

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS HIRING!

Kids Play is hiring for our after-school childcare program. To see all Kids Play opportunities, visit the employment tab on the district website.

## ECFE: EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

ECFE is a program for families with children ages birth to five! We have numerous classes and special events that promote early literacy skills, parent discussions, gross motor, child development, and more! Children will experience developmentally appropriate lessons and parents will find the support and camaraderie. Join us at the Community Education Center! Please send questions to Coordinator **Shonna Hoeper** at [shonnah@mystma.org](mailto:shonnah@mystma.org).

## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

There are openings in the three-year-old and four-year-old preschool classes. The three-year-olds engage in play-based

pre-academic and fine motor activities that foster a love of learning. The four-year-olds practice school readiness skills, make new friends, and work on the transition process to kindergarten. Registration for the 2025-2026 school year opens January 27, 2025. For more information about openings, contact Coordinator **Shonna Hoeper** at [shonnah@mystma.org](mailto:shonnah@mystma.org).

## STMA DOME IS BACK!

The STMA Dome is up, and we can't wait to welcome families for a season of fun! Join us for a variety of day and evening activities. Whether it's sports, games, or just some quality family time, the Dome is the perfect place to make lasting memories.

### Dome Days [no registration required]

December 5 and 13  
January 10, 16, 24, 30  
February 7, 13, 21, 27  
March 20 and 28

### Dome Nights [pre-registration preferred]

December 6  
January 9  
February 7  
March 3

## FACILITY RENTALS

If you are interested in renting district space, please contact **Jim Mauss** at [jimm@mystma.org](mailto:jimm@mystma.org).

## PEACHJAR, THE ELECTRONIC BACKPACK

Our school district uses PEACHJAR for digital flyers. Click the Peachjar button on your child's school website homepage. This green initiative saves paper and copy costs. Questions? Call **763-497-6550 ext 7**.



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