

# The Brighter Bulletin

## St. Anthony New Brighton Family Newsletter

APRIL 2, 2025

### Hello SANB Families!

Here's a snapshot of today's Brighter Bulletin:

- Message from Superintendent Dr. Renee Corneille
- **Apr. 1 School Board meeting key takeaways**
- **SANB Standardized Testing Schedule**
- SAMS Conferences: Apr. 3
- **2025-2026 School Year Calendar**
- **Multilingual Family Event: Apr. 10**
- **Clothing Swap: Apr. 27**
- SAV for the Future Fundraiser: May 31
- Effective Instruction Think Tank
- Congratulations Dr. Troy Urdahl!

## District Updates



## Thank You, St. Anthony-New Brighton Community!

Dear SANB Community, I want to share my gratitude to everyone in this community for continuing to work hard and show up during my absence. I am officially back from my leave; you'll find me in the District Office and SANB halls.

Unfortunately, my personal family life has been extremely challenging since October. Having the opportunity to be with my family these few months is a gift I don't take for granted—this is because of the support of both Hope Fagerland and Tim Anderson.

The numerous emails, cards, texts, and hugs have all been appreciated and felt in my heart.

I realize this is the moment in my life where these things happen, but it still hurts. So I needed to express my appreciation and gratitude to all of you, my SANB family (of 15 years!). **Thank you.**

## Apr. 1 Board Brief: Key Takeaways

- Chair Ben Phillip briefly spoke directly to community members about some of the most pressing concerns by community members. Specifically he discussed the SAVVAS literacy curriculum and Effective Instruction and how they directly relate to state law requirements, letter grades at SAVHS (which are NOT being eliminated), MCA and ACT testing, and reviewing probationary staff for contract renewals or non-renewals. You can find Chair Phillip's full commentary in the recording below.
- Five probationary teachers' contracts were non-renewed by the board with Dr. Striker abstaining from the vote. Executive Director of Human Resources and Operations Dr. Tim Anderson explained the non-renewal process, citing four common reasons for non-renewal in Minnesota: performance (when a teacher is not meeting performance standards), budgetary constraints, licensure issues, and administrative discretion (an administrator may opt to non-renew during the probationary period for reasons that need not be disclosed, but that align with district policies and practices). This process also requires the district to provide supervision and evaluation of probationary teachers during their employment to inform decisions on contract renewal. Non-renewal is distinct from termination and it does not carry the same stigma. It is often an administrative decision rather than a reflection of severe deficiencies in teaching ability.
- Executive Director of Human Resources and Operations Dr. Tim Anderson also discussed unrequested leave for teacher overages. Emilie Hackbarth, Sarah Hample, Natalie Schalow, and Luke Tressel are teachers who went above and beyond their full time equivalent (FTE) time taught in 24-25 school year. This motion brought these teachers back to their regular FTE contract. Board member Dr. Striker emphasized the board's appreciation of these teachers for going above and beyond for their students and the district.
- Dr. Anderson along with the President of St. Anthony Village Education Association (our awesome teacher's union!) Beth Rehfuss discussed the phases of the union's collaboration with district and state requirements for Effective Instruction. Thus far, Rehfuss explained a few achievements already made: clarity and consistency for EI mapping, structured coaching cycle that uplifts both teacher and coach voice, a teacher's option to request an administrator for coaching, the onboarding process for new and continuing teachers in the EI framework, and a co-creation for the proficiency model.
- The 2026-2027 school calendar was approved by the board.
- Superintendent Dr. Renee Corneille gave an update on student learning outcomes for Winter 2025. She discussed the results of a grade level 6-12 student panorama survey on social and emotional learning and the students' perception of rigor in the classroom, current math and reading level outcomes,

and the current stats on student discipline such as in-school suspension, office referrals, and more.

**You can find upcoming School Board meetings, agendas, and recordings on the district website.**

## 04.01.25 Board Meeting Recording

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### **SANB Standardized Testing Schedule**

It's testing season again! Consistent studying, a good night's sleep, and a nutritious breakfast are just a few habits that can help with testing anxiety and performance.

**Dates for specific grades for the ACT, MCAs, PSAT, etc. can be found here.**

This PDF is available on the district website. [isd282.org](https://isd282.org) > Learning > District Assessment Calendar.

#### **Free testing resources:**

- [ACT](#)
- [Princeton Review](#)
- [Magoosh](#)
- [Union Test Prep](#)
- [Varsity Tutors](#)

### **District Assessment Calendar**

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## SAMS Conferences: Apr. 3

SAMS conferences begins tomorrow, the details are below!

- **When:** Thursday, April 3. 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
  - **Where:** SAMS/SAVHS Commons.
  - **How:** Arena-Style conferences are when families are seen on a first come, first serve basis.
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## 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

The 2025-2026 school year calendar is available for review and download. This PDF can be found on the district website. [isd282.org](https://isd282.org) > News > Calendar > 25-26 School Calendar.

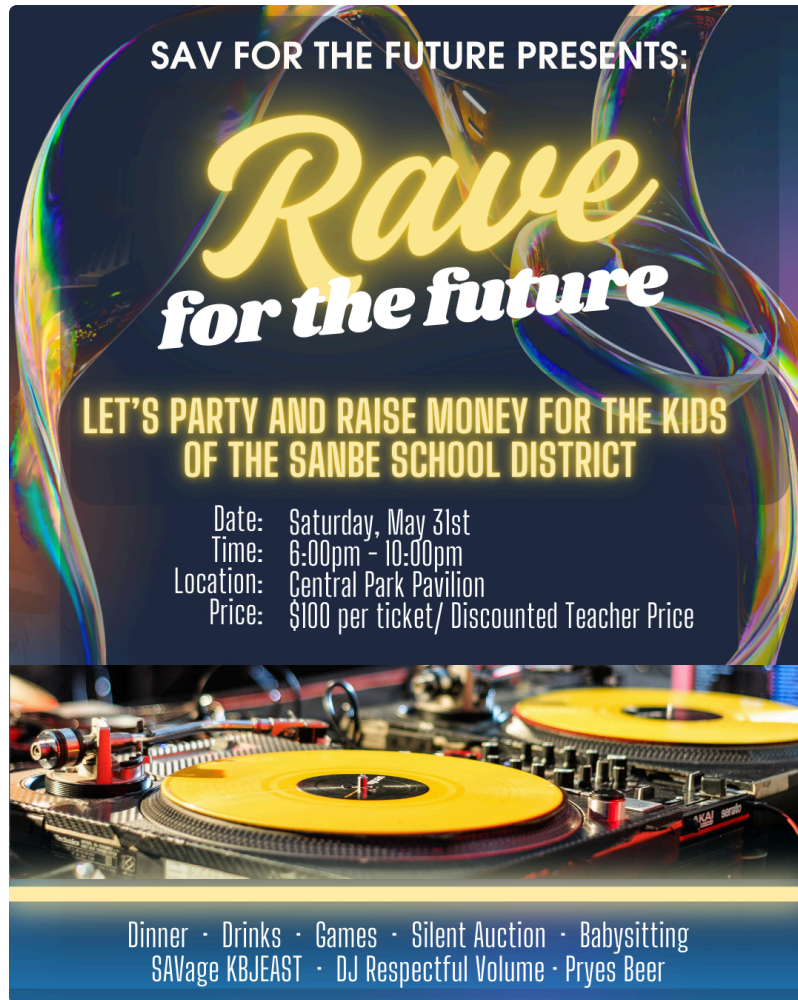
## 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

# Upcoming Events & Opportunities

## SAV for the Future Fundraiser: May 31

SANBE Foundation's SAV for the Future annual fundraiser is back! This year, we aren't just going to "SAV," we are going to RAVE!! **Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 31. Grab your glow sticks and follow the sick beats to Central Park.**

Featuring the local talents of SAV's own SAVage KBJEAST and DJ Respectful Volume. More details to follow, tickets on sale soon. See. You. There!



**SAV FOR THE FUTURE PRESENTS:**

# Rave for the future

**LET'S PARTY AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE KIDS  
OF THE SANBE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Date: Saturday, May 31st  
 Time: 6:00pm - 10:00pm  
 Location: Central Park Pavilion  
 Price: \$100 per ticket/ Discounted Teacher Price

Dinner · Drinks · Games · Silent Auction · Babysitting  
 SAVage KBJEAST · DJ Respectful Volume · Pries Beer

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## Effective Instruction Think Tank

**ALL families and staff members are invited to participate in the new Effective Instruction Think Tank!** Here's what it's all about:

- Learn about all things regarding Effective Instruction
- Engage in dialogue to increase awareness and understanding to help answer your questions
- Become a system designer: help advocate and curate effective instruction practices in St. Anthony!

**To participate simply contact the Director of Effective Instruction, Dr. Tamika Fuller: [tfuller@isd282.org](mailto:tfuller@isd282.org) to express your interest.**

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## Multilingual Family Event: Apr. 10

District English Learner Coordinator Viviana Chavez Garcia and the EL team are hosting a Multilingual Family Event on Thursday, Apr. 10!

- **When:** Thursday, Apr. 10. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. [Sign up here.](#)
- **What:** Multilingual families will learn about all the awesome resources SANB has for English learners, make sure families are fully set up in systems like Skyward and ParentSquare.
- **Where:** St. Anthony Middle/High School Commons Area.
- **Who:** Please email Viviana Chavez Garcia with any questions about this event. [Vchavez.garcia@isd282.org](mailto:Vchavez.garcia@isd282.org).



The poster features a top border of colorful paper scraps with words like 'Welcome', 'Bienvenido', and '환영' (hwan-yeong) in Korean. The main title 'MULTILINGUAL FAMILY NIGHT' is written in large, stylized white and yellow letters on a dark blue background with yellow wavy lines. Below the title, text describes the event as an evening of learning and fun. A list of activities includes interpreters, childcare, food, transportation, family fun, community resources, and informational presentations. A white circle on the right contains the date 'APRIL 10' and time '5:30-7:30 PM'. The location is 'SAVHS COMMONS (CAFETERIA)'. A QR code is provided for registration, along with the URL 'tinyurl.com/sanbmlfamily'. The address is 'SAVHS Commons (Cafeteria), 3303 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony, MN 55418'. The bottom of the poster features the St. Anthony New Brighton Independent School District 282 logo.

**MULTILINGUAL FAMILY NIGHT**

Prepare for an evening of learning about school and community resources and taking part in a variety of enjoyable activities to share your culture and have fun with your family. There will be:

- ✓ Interpreters
- ✓ Childcare
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Family Fun
- ✓ Community Resources
- ✓ Informational Presentations

**APRIL 10**  
**5:30-7:30 PM**

**SAVHS COMMONS (CAFETERIA)**

Complete the Google Form using the QR code or [tinyurl.com/sanbmlfamily](https://tinyurl.com/sanbmlfamily) to register for free!

SAVHS Commons (Cafeteria)  
3303 33rd Ave NE  
St. Anthony, MN 55418

St. Anthony New Brighton  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 282

## Multilingual Family Night

# Earth Day Clothing Swap: Apr. 27

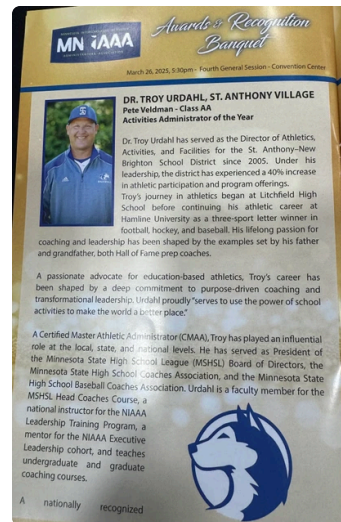
Looking to create that trendy capsule wardrobe? Or just ready for some fresh styles? St. Anthony’s got you for sustainable fashion at the Earth Day Clothing Swap at Silverwood Park!

- You can donate clothes, shoes, and accessories.
- You can swap out clothes (no donation required).
- All unclaimed items will be donated to local charities after the event!

## Clothing Swap Sign Up

### Congratulations Dr. Troy Urdahl!

Director of Athletics, Activities, and Facilities Dr. Troy Urdahl won the Class AA Activities Administrator of the Year from the Minnesota Interscholastic Activities Administrator Association (say that 3 times fast!) Be sure to give Dr. Urdahl a high five when you see him!





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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.*