

The Brighter Bulletin

St. Anthony-New Brighton Family Newsletter

JUNE 11, 2025

Hello SANB Families!

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District Updates

Jun. 3 Board Brief: Key Takeaways

The Board Brief is a summary of the activities and discussion during school board meetings. To dive deeper into what occurred, please watch the recording of the meetings.

- The board recognized and celebrated the retirements of Ruth Smith, Beth Kessler, Todd McDonough, Jean Lynch, Steve Willman, Bill Carlson, and David Wiggins. Appreciating the 149 years of service among our retirees.
- The board voted to approve the 2025-2026 budget. After a discussion at February meetings on a 25-26 enrollment target, the board began analyzing and discussing next year's budget in collaboration with Superintendent Corneille, District Controller Phan Tu, and Executive Director of Academics Hope Fagerland in March leading to the June 3, 2025 approval of the final balanced budget.
- The board voted to approve the Long Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) 10-year Plan. To qualify for Fiscal Year 2026-27 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance revenue to be included in the pay 2026 levy, the board must approve a plan by July 31, 2025. Director of Athletics, Activities, and Facilities Dr. Troy Urdahl presented the plan to the board in April of this year.
- The board voted to approve the Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate District Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan.
- The board voted to approve the District's Minnesota State High School League membership to allow our students to participate in interscholastic activities and activities.
- The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires an annual designation of an Identified Official with Authority (IOwA)) for each local educational agency that uses the Education Identity and Access Management (EDIAM) system. Superintendent Corneille was voted as the IOwA for SANB.
- The board approved the Patriots Joint Powers Agreement.
- The board approved the following policies: 506 - Student Discipline, 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, 601 - School District Curriculum and Instructional Goals, 603 - Curriculum Development, 620 - Credit for Learning, and 901 - Community Education.
- The board discussed a community survey on Personal Electronic Communication Devices at St. Anthony Village High School (SAVHS). With reports of inconsistent compliance and enforcement of the current policy, the Policy Committee sought direction for a potential new policy on the topic. The board's guidance to Superintendent Corneille and SAVHS administrators was to have a trial year practicing the St. Anthony Middle School (SAMS) cell phone policy (off and out of sight) during the 25-26 school year and to report back to the board on the strengths and opportunities. A communication plan for the rollout was also recommended.

- School Board Chair Ben Phillip resigned effective June 7, 2025 from the SANB board. Board members thanked him for his service and discussed the process for filling the vacancy with all five other members preferring to appoint a former board member who is not planning to run for election in November. The vacant seat term will end in 2027 triggering a special election in November to elect a new member to serve for the remainder of the seat term. After the November election certification by December, the newly elected member will begin fulfilling the remainder of the seat term. Clerk Laurel Hood called a special meeting for June 10, 2025 to discuss filling the vacancy process and next steps.
- The process and timeline for the annual superintendent evaluation includes a mid-year progress report and a year-end evaluation. In May, the Board conducted a detailed evaluation of Dr. Corneille's work for District 282 during the 2024-2025 school year. The school board discussed the findings of the evaluation as a board and with Dr. Corneille during a closed session at the May 20th Work Session, in compliance with Minnesota statute and outlined the evaluation summary for the community.

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

06.03.25 Meeting Recording

Jun. 10 Board Brief: Key Takeaways

The Board Brief is a summary of the activities and discussion during school board meetings. To dive deeper into what occurred, please watch the recording of the meetings.

- The June 10, 2025 special school board meeting was called to appoint a new member of the school board after a vacancy became available on June 7, 2025. **You can read a statement detailing the appointment here.**
- Former board member Barry Kinsey was unanimously appointed and will be in this interim role until after the November 2025 special election is certified and a newly elected candidate for the seat is sworn in by December 2025.

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06.10.25 Meeting Recording

School Board Meeting: Jun. 17

Next week's school board work session meeting will be on Tuesday, Jun. 17 in the MS/HS Media Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will not be a listening session. The last 2024-2025 school year board brief will be sent to families and staff on Jun. 18.

Be SMART about Weapon Storage this Summer

As summer break begins, St. Anthony-New Brighton Schools encourage all families to help keep kids safe by securely storing any firearms in the home and in vehicles. Secure storage: locking guns, unloading them and storing ammunition separately can prevent tragedies. You can learn more at **www.besmartforkids.org** and you can get free gun locks at most Ramsey County libraries.



FREE Summer Meals for Kids

Free Meals for Kids helps families and kids locate free healthy meals across Minnesota. The app is powered by GPS and shows locations of schools and community sites providing meals, with days and hours of operation. It also shows the distance and directions to the nearest site from your location. **All sites listed have been approved by the Minnesota Department of Education.** We also list community sites and backpack programs offering summer meals.

- [Learn more about the program and the app](#)
- [Download via the Apple Store](#)
- [Download via the Google Play Store](#)
- **No registration or prior sign-up is necessary for most sites.** The sites which require prior registration are clearly marked on the site information. There are also free serving sites across the state at school, parks, recreation centers, community centers, and libraries.
- **All kids up to age 18 can locate the nearest site, show up at the right time, and eat!**

Spring & Summer Highlights

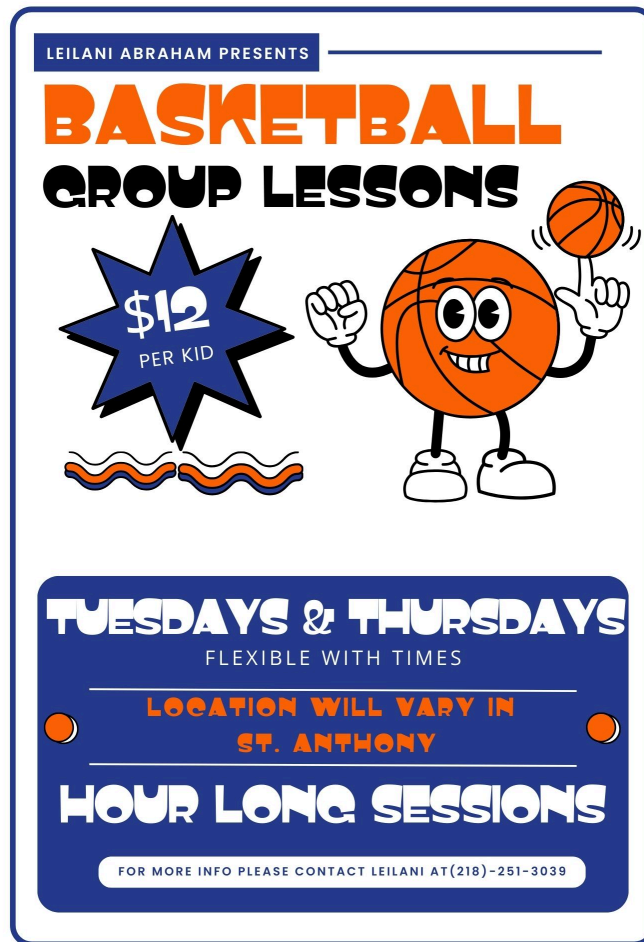
SAVHS Class of 2025 Graduation

Congratulations to the SAVHS Class of 2025 graduating seniors! Thank you to all the teachers, staff, families, friends, and more who helped our seniors make it across the stage. In the folder below, you'll find photos and videos from decision day and the walk from Wilshire Park to graduation evening!

SAVHS Class of 2025 Graduation

Summer Basketball Group Lessons

Recent SAVHS graduate and 4-year basketball starter player Leilani Abraham is offering basketball group lessons this summer! Leilani scored more than 1,000 points in her 🏀 career at SANB, so you KNOW your kiddo will be getting some top-notch training. Check out the flyer for details and to reserve your spot!



SANB Community Closet: Open to ALL & Fully Stocked!

The Community Closet is accessible all summer long! We have diapers, canned goods, hygiene items and more! If you need to access the Community Closet, please reach out to Tara Halverson at thalverson@isd282.org or 612-408-0140 through August 1.

Patriots Marching Band Parade Schedule

You and the fam can support our Patriots Marching Band all summer long! Check out their parade schedule below:

- June 13: Benson Parade – 6:30 pm
 - June 14: Buffalo Parade – 6:00 pm
 - June 17: Northeast Mpls Parade – 6:30 pm
 - June 18: Foley Parade – 5:30 pm
 - June 24: Twins Pre-Game Performance – 6:00 pm
 - June 26: Oakdale Parade - 6:00 pm
 - July 4: Pittsfield (MA) 4th of July parade – 10:00 am
 - August 1: St. Anthony VillageFest Parade – 7:00 pm
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SAMS Capstone Outcomes

SAMS 8th Graders outdid themselves for their Capstone projects! Check out the positive difference our researchers made below.

SAMS Capstone Outcomes


Thank you to everyone who helped our 8th Graders make a positive difference!

Our 8th graders....

- 1 Took Direct Action**



They organized and took part in trash pick ups, secured grants to replant native plants, collected and prepared prairie seeds for local yards, negotiated gear swaps to get people outside, set up donation websites for sports gear, granola bars, Equatorial New Guinea, and people experiencing homelessness; and they worked with the school to improve our ability to sustainably support our families experiencing food insecurity.
- 2 Raised Money**

Over \$3000 will be going to people experiencing hunger, poverty, and homelessness; supporting local sexual assault prevention and support organizations, cleaning Silver Lake, and revamping the SAVHS/SAMS theatre department.


- 3 Spread Awareness**

8th graders informed us about grade stress, IEPs, how to read food labels, safer fishing practices, solar power, health care - job availability and the dire situation of our nurses, lake quality and how to improve it, water pipe contamination, the impacts of fertilizers and generative AI, mental health, women's oppression in Afghanistan, red pandas, sexual harassment, bakery waste, shark fishing, responsible consumption, how to get an ID, local homeless shelters, and substance abuse.
- 4 Advocated**

They advocated for equal rights for American Samoa; for financial literacy and job skills training, healthier prize options, access to more food, accelerated learning opportunities, stronger discipline policies, student stakeholders on teacher evaluations, and access to external math programs at school; for solar power in vulnerable communities, sustainable roads, community gardens in food deserts, more pollinator pathways, and more trash cans at bus stops along Silver Lake Rd.


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Sign up to be a Capstone Mentor for next year →


WP Multilingual Family Party Photos

Last week Wilshire Park multilingual families got to party together in an end of the year celebration! We asked some of our attendees to translate "Welcome to the party" into their languages. How special to see the blending of cultures in our school!





Caius Poturica Rusher Attends Interlochen Arts Camp

SAVHS clarinetist and saxophonist Caius Porturica Rusher will Attend World-Renowned Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan this summer! **Read all about it in the IAC's press release.**

Croissant Making 101: Jul. 10

Join Molly Pedina for a hands-on workshop on making sweet and savory croissants from scratch. We will teach you how to prepare dough and perfect your rolling, shaping, and proofing skills. At the end of class, we will make and enjoy croissant sandwiches and dessert croissants.

Croissant Making 101

SAMS Language Arts Teacher KC West Releasing a New Book

SAMS Language Arts Teacher KC West is releasing a new book! Read all about "Making Friends Can Be Murder" in the Star Tribune.

The St. Anthony Village Big Picnic: July 30

Make sure to come to the SAV Big Picnic hosted by Silverwood Park and St. Anthony Community Services. Pack a blanket, your favorite meal, and your favorite people! Spread out on the amphitheater lawn and be part of a community-wide picnic celebration before and during the evening concert performance by 26 Bats.

- **When:** Wednesday, July 30. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Silverwood Park.
- **Details:** Food trucks will be available! Guests are also welcome to bring their own spirits/beverages. This event is FREE.



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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.