The Brighter Bulletin

St. Anthony New Brighton Family Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Hello SANB Families!

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District Updates

September 16 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 school board voted to approve a preliminary proposal of the certification for taxes payable in 2026 as a 'maximum' levy amount. Maximum does not mean there would be a large fluctuation between the preliminary and final levy, this action gives flexibility between the September and December action. All school districts in Minnesota must approve the preliminary levy by September 30 and the final specific amount for the levy in December. District Controller Phan Tu referenced highlights from the agenda in the levy spreadsheet that is viewable in the 09.16.25 meeting agenda.
- SAMS 8th grade language arts teacher Brynne Diggins and 8th grade math teacher Allie Guidish presented on the 8th Grade Eagle Bluff Outdoor Retreat. Diggins and Guidish discussed costs per student with the total cost of programming around $22,000, current fundraising efforts, and the benefits of the retreat for students.
- Director of Athletics, Activities and Facilities Dr. Troy Urdahl and Athletics and Activities Coordinator JT Zell presented an update on athletics and activities at SANB. The board recognized and celebrated Dave Wiggins for being named Head Coach of the Year by the Minnesota Tennis Coaches Association. Participation in athletics and activities has remained strong. Streaming of SANB athletics available by Hudl has been successful, with SANB events being in the top 20 streamed programs on the platform in Minnesota.
- SAVHS College & Career Coordinator Emerson Sears presented an update on the College & Career Center at the high school. Sears meets with students and families to make a plan for after high school, highlighting the direct admissions program SANB is a part of, help with aid for college and technical programs, and more.
- District EL/ML Coordinator Viviana Chavez Garcia presented on the Language Access Plan. The Minnesota Department of Education requires all school districts to have a plan for making district communications and conferences accessible to multilingual families. Chavez Garcia and the Language Access Plan team have focused on processes for document translation and interpreters, the Language Line, and accurate non-English communications in ParentSquare.
- The board began the discussion on SANB’s Student Success Metrics as Superintendent Renee Corneille explained some of the data in the agenda materials.
- The board then discussed the (15) data requests received by the District since May 2025, highlighting the scope, scale, and impact of data requests. With an estimated unbudgeted $20,260 of expenses expected to fulfill current

outstanding requests. School board members decided to omit any identifiers of data requestors in future reports as data requests become a part of the consent agenda.

09.17.25 Meeting Recording

No School: Tuesday, September 23 🚩

There will be no school on Tuesday, September 23 in recognition of the Jewish New Year Rosh Hashanah.

- **WP/SAMS/SAVHS**: CLOSED
- **Half Day Preschool**: CLOSED
- **Full Day Preschool & Village Kids**: OPEN

School Picture Days in September 📸

It's almost time to show off those big smiles and great hairstyles for picture day!

- **Wilshire Park:** Wednesday, September 24 during school hours.
- **SAMS:** [Retake] Thursday, September 25 8:00–10:30 AM.
- **SAVHS:** [Retake] Tuesday, October 21 during school hours.

Family Flu Vaccination Clinic: October 2 & October 8

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SANB Wellness will be offering flu shot clinics for the whole family on two evenings in October:

- **October 2: 4:00–7:30 PM** at Wilshire Park West Gym (Door 9)
- **October 8: 4:00–7:30 PM** at St. Anthony Village High School Commons (Door 16)
- We will have a Wellness Fair on October 8 at the flu shot clinic from 5:00–7:30. Please visit the wellness booths when you come for your flu shots!
- **Family Flu Vaccination Sign Up**
- **The informed consent form is attached to this post as a PDF.** Find it by clicking 'Files' in Gmail or in the margins of the ParentSquare.com post.

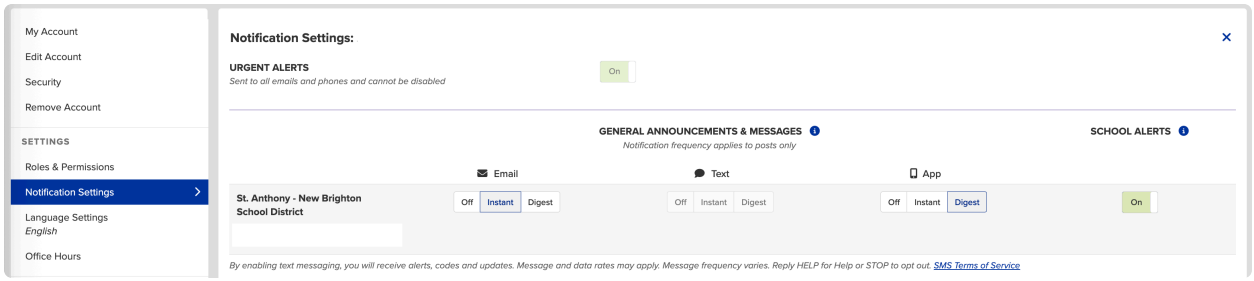
Families can attend either site for flu shots. Flu shots will be **available for anyone ages 6 months and older.** Insurance information will be collected if you have insurance. **No one will be turned away for a flu shot due to lack of insurance**. Cub Pharmacy will provide the flu shots.

At this time there is no information about COVID vaccinations being available for this clinic. More information may be available in the coming weeks.

ParentSquare Notifications 🔔

Ahead of winter, let's make sure your ParentSquare notifications are turned on! SANB will be sending snow/extreme cold weather announcements and more via ParentSquare.

To receive text notifications navigate to your notification settings and toggle text notifications to your preference: Instant or Digest. The Digest notification option allows you to receive a group of the day’s communications at 6:00 p.m.



Events, Opportunities, & Highlights

SAV Puzzle Showdown: Photo Contest 🧩

The SAV Puzzle Showdown in February was such a success that community organizers are bringing it back AND we have a pre-puzzle creative contest for residents to jump into.

The puzzle will showcase an image of your favorite places in St. Anthony! Participants can submit up to 3 entries of the nature, wildlife, landmarks, and even construction (😂) they love in St. Anthony Village. Email your photo submissions to **puzzleshowdown@isd282.org**.

8th Grade Eagle Bluff Fundraiser 🥾

SAMS educators are raising funds to help all our new 8th graders go on an unforgettable overnight trip this Fall. **The fundraisers begin in October.**

Each year, SAMS 8th graders head to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center for a 3-day, 2-night field trip to build community and engage in unique outdoor learning opportunities. Money raised from the Eagle Bluff fundraisers ensures that all 8th graders are able to participate!

Check out the flyer below to find when and where you need to get dinner to help our 8th graders! **Make sure you mention the fundraiser to the cashier or use the promo codes for online orders.**

Music in Motion: September 20 🎶

Pre-K & Kindergarten families are invited to wiggle, dance, act, and groove along with Thyra Heder's "How Do You Dance?" to explore new methods of self-expression. Explore the connections between body, imagination, and emotion on this interactive story theatre adventure. **More information on the Hennepin County Library website.**

Congratulations Bodie Markham and Dylan Riley 🎉

- **Congratulations to SAVHS senior Bodie Markham, who has been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist.** Semi-Finalists are named by scoring in the top 1% of students taking the PSAT in the fall of their junior year. These academically talented seniors have an opportunity to continue in competition for nearly 7000 scholarships worth nearly $26 million dollars. Sarah Gustafson, Bodie's English teacher says, "*I have had the outstanding pleasure of having Bodie as an English student for 3 of his 4 years of high school. His wit and never ending inquisitiveness has always kept me on my toes. Everyone in the room knows Bodie knows the answer, has the best essay, and is one step ahead. He's obviously brilliant, but what makes him special is his humility and grace. I'm grateful to know him.*"

- **Congratulations to SAVHS senior Dylan Riley, who has been named a National Merit Commended Student.** Commended students are named by scoring in the top 5% of students taking the PSAT in the fall of their junior year. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation says, "*Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. These students represent a valuable national resource of academic excellence.*"

Everyone at SANB is proud of Bodie and Dylan for earning these national recognitions! 🏆🏆🏆

Exercise Equipment Sale 🏋️

We're refreshing our weight room and have a variety of equipment available for purchase! Larger items like treadmills and ellipticals are up for grabs, along with smaller essentials such as dumbbells and metal plates.

Discounts are available when purchasing multiple items, so it's a great chance to stock your home gym or share with a personal trainer you know. Check out the full inventory and pricing details at **www.isd282.org/sales**. Email District Athletics and Activities Coordinator JT Zell: **jzell@isd282.org** to check it out.

Exercise Equipment for Sale

Optional Forms

Parent/Guardian Task Force & Committee Interest Form 📋

From time to time, our district creates task forces and committees to dig into important topics. If you're a parent or guardian who likes to roll up your sleeves, share ideas, or just make sure your voice is heard, we'd love to know.

This is an opportunity for meaningful conversations and a chance to help shape our schools. Interested? **Fill out this quick Google Form** to let us know, and we'll be in touch when opportunities arise.

Parent/Guardian Interest Form

Educational Benefits 📋

Please consider completing the **Application for Educational Benefits** each year to qualify for non-meal related benefits like bussing and discounts on fees for activities, clubs and tests. Submitted applications also help school districts qualify for education funds and discounts.

Educational Benefits

Opt out of Student Directory Information by September 30 📋

Directory information includes basic student details (such as name, grade, and participation in activities) that the district may share publicly unless families choose to opt out by September 30. Opting out includes opting out of yearbook photos.

2025 Reminder: The Minnesota state legislature changed the designation of parent directory information as public to private. This means parent addresses, emails, and phone numbers are now private data and will not be shared by the District.