The Brighter Bulletin

St. Anthony New Brighton Family Newsletter

OCTOBER 29, 2025

Hello SANB Families!

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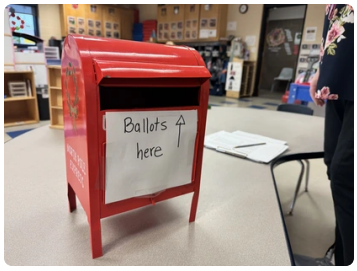
District Updates

NPR at SANB

NPR reporters Leila Fadel and Julie Depenbrock joined SANB for a lockdown drill to learn how public schools are keeping students and staff safe throughout the school year. **You can listen to the story on NPR.**

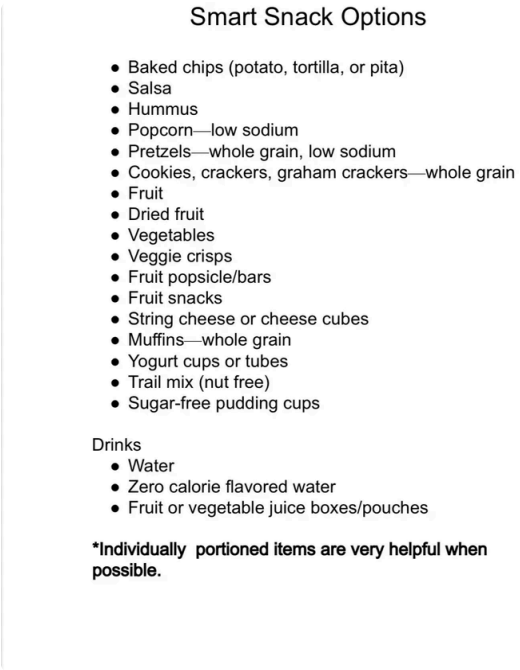
A few familiar voices you'll here include SAMS Principal Amy Kujawski, SAMS Language Arts teacher KC West, and SAMS students Raegan Dunkley and Phoebe Strodel!

NPR at SANB



Election Day: November 4

Election Day is next Tuesday, November 4. Local races include the St. Anthony-New Brighton school board election and the St. Anthony city council election. You can find more information about the school board election on our website at **isd282.org/2025election** and the **Ramsey County Elections website.**



Community Closet Open to ALL

The SANB Community Closet is open to EVERYONE in need of resources! Shelf stable foods, non-perishable foods, personal hygiene items, and more are available for families in need of a little support.

- **Contact Tara Halverson: thalverson@isd282.org to schedule a time for pick up.**
- People can donate to the closet by contacting Tara Halverson. Things we need: personal hygiene items (tampons, soap, deodorant, etc.) and smart snacks (please see the list above) with an emphasis on grab and go options.

Winter Clothing Drive: November 4

Help keep our community warm this winter. Drop off new or gently used winter items such as jackets, gloves, hats, snow pants, warm socks, and more at the **St. Anthony Village Community Center** on **Tuesday, November 4**. All donations will support local families in need.

No School: October 31. Confirm Your Building/Program

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for the following buildings/programs:

- Wilshire Park
- Half Day Preschool
- ECFE

There **WILL be school** for the following buildings/programs:

- SAMS
- All Day Preschool
- Village Kids

SAVHS will be asynchronous (distance learning), please check your student's Google Classroom for the day's assignments.

School Board Brief

October 28 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.

- Superintendent Renee Corneille gave a report on food services and transportation.
- There was a final reading on the following policies: 806 on Crisis Management and the BeSmart Gun Safe Storage Resolution.
- The board approved the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Foundation Resolution Action.
- Director of Principal Leadership & Learning Matt Menier presented on the Community Teaching & Learning Committee's 2025-2026 strategic plan.
- Superintendent Corneille gave the second update on contract negotiations with District Office Directors.
- There was a first reading and discussion of the following policies: 503 on Student Attendance, 534 on School Meals, 707 on Transportation of Public School Students.
- There was a first reading and discussion on the board's 2026 legislative platform.

Due to the district-wide internet outage when this message is being sent, uploading the 10.28.25 School Board Meeting Recording was not possible. Check back to this newsletter on ParentSquare.com periodically for the link to the recording.

10.28.25 Meeting Recording

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- Director of Communications and Community Services Wendy Webster gave a report on early childhood education, family learning, and community education.
- SAVHS Effective Instruction Coach Dr. Kennethia Jones, SAVHS teacher Steve Rice, WP teacher Lisa Cartwright, and SAMS Dean Kristine Schwintek presented on the process of the new science rigor standards and using the effective instruction framework when choosing.
- District Controller Phan Tu presented year-to-date budget reports. The discussion centered on a $1.8 million surplus across all funds, with $289,000 in flexible designation to help offset potential federal cuts affecting special education, food service, and Title programs. State aid reductions could also decrease compensatory funding by $106,000 and Q Comp by approximately $480,000. The board also discussed planning for future budget deficits in light of these potential reductions.
- There was a second reading of the following policy: 806 on Crisis Management.
- Superintendent Renee Corneille presented the memo on future contract negotiations with the teacher's union (St. Anthony Village Education Association) district directors, and building principals.
- There was a first reading of the board's SMART goals for the 2025-2026 school year.

10.21.25 Meeting Recording

Events, Opportunities, & Highlights

Eagle Bluff LAST Fundraiser: TODAY at Parkway Pizza

Each fall, SAMS 8th graders go 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 attend.

Have lunch or dinner at Parkway Pizza to help support our 8th graders! The fundraiser is ALL DAY on October 29.

SAVHS Hadestown Musical: November 14-16

Step into the world of music, myth, and love with SAVHS Fall musical, Hadestown! **Performances run November 14-16 at the SAVHS auditorium.**

Come support our talented student cast and crew for an unforgettable night of theater and storytelling. **Get your tickets on our activities and athletics website**.

Hadestown Tickets

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting: November 6

Families are invited to the first Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting next Thursday, November 6.

- **When:** Thursday, November 6. 6:00–7:30 PM.
- **Where:** St. Anthony Community Services, Room CS9.
- **Details**: The committee is made up of parents and special education staff working to advise the district on policies and advocate for students receiving special education services.

World Savvy Changemaker Hub: November 4

SANB community members are invited to take part in the World Savvy Changemaker Hub at Ella Baker Global Studies & Humanities Magnet School.

- **When**: Tuesday, November 4. 9:00 AM–2:00 PM.
- **Where**: Ella Baker Global Studies & Humanities Magnet School in Minneapolis.
- **Details:** World Savvy facilitators will bring together student and adult leaders to imagine a future of learning, play, and accessibility where every student feels seen, supported, and included.
- **Registration**: **Registration is free, sign up at this link.**

MN State Legislators at SANB: November 10

On Friday, November 10 Minnesota state legislators will visit SANB to learn more about our classrooms, programs, and the ways they can advocate for public education. **Senator Mary Kunesh and Representative Sandra Feist will tour our schools, observe learning in action, and speak with students and staff about their experiences.**

We're proud to share the great work happening in our district and to highlight how our schools support every learner!

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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.