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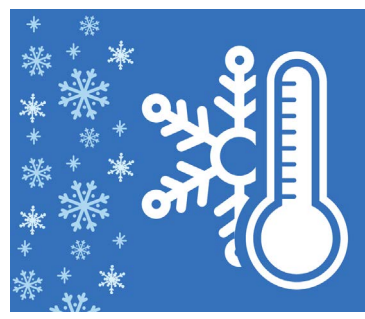
Family News

Winter Weather & Emergency Closings Reminder

As we head into the colder months, we want to remind families about how South St. Paul Public Schools communicates any school closings, late starts, or early dismissals due to weather or other emergencies. We aim to make decisions by 5:30 AM, with notifications sent to families shortly thereafter.

Information will be shared through the following channels:

- ParentSquare (email, text, and phone call if necessary)
- District Website: sspps.org
- Social Media: Facebook, X, and Instagram
- Local Media Outlets: WCCO-AM Radio (830), WCCO (Channel 4), KSTP (Channel 5), FOX 9 KMSF, KARE 11



Contact Information Up-to-Date? Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date in the Campus Parent Portal so you don't miss important updates. Need help accessing your [Campus Parent Portal](#) account? Visit our Parent Portal Instructions:

[English](#)

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Emergency Closing Procedures

To support safety, well-being, and consistent learning, South St. Paul Public Schools follows these emergency closing procedures for the entire school year (not per weather event):

- Closing Day 1 of the school year: Traditional "snow day." No school or e-learning takes place. This practice, that aligns with our neighboring districts, provides staff time to plan and prepare for potential e-learning days should additional closures occur.
- Closing Days 2-6 of the school year: E-Learning Days to maintain instructional time and learning progress.

Thank you for your partnership as we work to keep our students and staff safe during the winter season.

Health Update: Measles Awareness and Guidance from MDH

With measles cases increasing in parts of the United States, we want to share important information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help families stay informed and prepared.

What to Know About Measles- Measles is a serious and highly contagious illness that spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or breathes. Cases have been increasing in Minnesota and across the country this year, making it especially important for families to know how to protect against infection and what to do if someone becomes sick.

Prevention and Protection- The measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine is the most effective way to prevent measles. Some families choose not to vaccinate for various reasons, and South St. Paul Public Schools respects those decisions. Staying informed about your options, recognizing symptoms early, and keeping your child home when ill all help protect your family and others in our community.

If a Case or Exposure Occurs- In the event of a measles case or exposure in one of our schools, we will work closely with MDH to notify affected families and share specific next steps. This may include recommendations for staying home (quarantine) and monitoring for symptoms to prevent further spread. Our schools will continue to provide educational support for students who must remain home during this time.

Learn More- To learn more about measles symptoms, how it spreads, and current MDH guidance, visit the [Minnesota Department of Health's Measles Basics](#) webpage. If you have any questions, reach out to your school's

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Fall SixTimes

The Fall 2025 SixTimes made its way to mailboxes last week. Check out how SSPPS is growing, innovating, and staying connected with new tech, outdoor learning, expanded career paths, and a fresh new look. Look for the print version from your mail carrier or view the [digital version online](#).



Packer Pride in Action

Kaposia Ninja Warriors- Media Coverage

At Kaposia Education Center, students are stepping up like true ninja warriors. Not for trophies, but to fight cancer and the local media is noticing! What began three years ago as a tribute to a friend has transformed into a school-wide movement: raising nearly \$90,000, installing ninja-warrior gym equipment, and supporting fellow families impacted by cancer. [View the media coverage stories on our website here.](#)



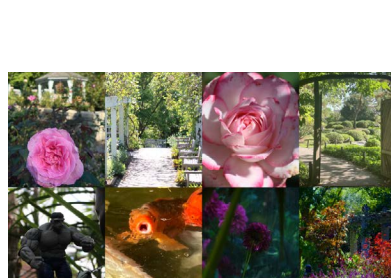
High School Mock Interviews

12th grade English students are getting ready for the real world. They're learning how to write resumes and cover letters, research careers and companies, and practice their interviewing skills with a day of mock interviews. Thank you to the local business leaders who volunteered their time to interview our students, give them feedback, and help them build confidence to empower them for the future!



CLC Photo Contest

During a recent visit to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, CLC students engaged in an immersive "nature + well-being" field-trip where they practiced forest bathing, grounding, and unplugging from screens—then put their art skills to use with a student photo challenge. In categories like Perennial Garden, Herb Garden, Japanese Garden and close-ups, the top entries were voted on by the community. [Visit the full story on our website.](#)



School Board Meeting Update

Highlights from the October 27, 2025 School Board Business Meeting.

[Watch the whole meeting here.](#)

Preliminary Field Trip Request

The Board reviewed a preliminary field trip request for the High School IB History program to travel to Spain and Portugal in March 2027. This trip will give students an opportunity to deepen their understanding of European and world history while building cultural awareness. Per district policy, international trips require preliminary approval one year in advance, followed by final approval closer to the travel date.

MSHSL Grant Application

South St. Paul Public Schools is preparing to submit an application for a Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Foundation grant. These grants support student participation in athletics and fine arts programs, with a focus on ensuring access for all students, including those from families with limited income. The Board approved the district's plan to submit the application before the November 10 deadline.

Policies- Reviewed and Approved

Policy Review- The Board reviewed updates to the following policies:

- 532: Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds
- 905: Advertising

Policies Approved- The Board approved updates to the following policies:

- [201](#): Legal Status of the School Board
- [202](#): School Board Officers
- [203](#): Operation of the School Board – Governing Rules
- [203.2](#): Order of the Regular School Board Meeting
- [203.5](#): School Board Meeting Agenda
- [203.6](#): Consent Agendas
- [423](#): Employee-Student Relationships
- [507](#): Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint
- [507.5](#): School Resource Officers
- [508](#): Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- [519](#): Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
- [520](#): Student Surveys and Form

Donation

The Board accepted a \$1,500 donation for the [Lincoln Center Outdoor Classroom](#).



Important Dates

- **October 31**, No School- Staff Professional Development
- **November 25-28**, No School

[View the full District Calendar](#)

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