



ST. MICHAEL-ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

EXCELLENCE IS OUR TRADITION

KNIGHT VIEW

DISTRICT NEWS

STMA Community Shows Strong Support for Schools

Dear STMA Community,

We extend our deepest gratitude for your overwhelming support in the recent STMA operating levy and bond special election. Thanks to your engagement and partnership, both questions were approved by strong margins—a powerful reflection of our community's commitment to our children, staff, and the future of our schools.

This outcome reinforces what we have long known: STMA is a community that puts kids first. Strong schools are the foundation of a strong community, and your support ensures that we can maintain our tradition of excellence and our core value of always putting students first—a legacy that will benefit our community for generations to come.

What This Means for STMA

Question 1: Levy to Support Student Learning

The 10-year operating levy provides stable funding to maintain current class sizes, programs, and services. Levy dollars will be incorporated into the FY2027 general fund budget, helping us continue academic programming and essential supports for students and staff.

Question 2: Bond to Update Facilities & STEM Education

The \$21 million bond will improve safety

and security, update technology, complete maintenance projects, renovate learning spaces, and create a K–12 STEM center that will serve all learners.

We are currently in the design phase of the bond projects, working collaboratively with our financial advisors, architects, construction manager, and staff to thoughtfully plan and sequence the projects that will enhance safety, update technology, build a K-12 STEM center, and renovate learning spaces. We anticipate selling the bonds in late spring or early summer 2026, with construction beginning once the bonds are sold and project timelines are finalized.

For ongoing information, families and community members can follow project updates on the STMA website, where we will share timelines, renderings, and progress milestones.

Building a Brighter Future—Together

We are deeply grateful for your continued engagement and support throughout this process. Your voice ensures that our schools reflect the priorities and values of our community. Together, we are building a thriving future—providing a high-quality education that empowers our students to become the leaders of tomorrow.

With gratitude and respect,



ANN-MARIE FOUCAULT
Superintendent

SCHOOL NEWS

ALBERTVILLE PRIMARY

Fall Fun Run Fundraiser: Thank You, Families!

Each fall, Albertville Primary holds a kindergarten fundraiser. Funds raised support our students by providing classroom supplies, offsetting field trip costs, funding school-wide lyceums, as well as updating our playground. Our goal was \$18,000—our amazing students and families soared past it and raised over \$26,000! Thank you, families, for your incredible support!



At the end of our kindergarten fundraiser, students participate in a Fun Run with all families in attendance.

BIG WOODS ELEMENTARY

158 Big Woods students celebrated with popcorn and extra recess with Mr. Peterson for completing their summer reading logs. These students went above and beyond to grow in reading and we celebrated together.



FIELDSTONE ELEMENTARY

We love welcoming the Crow River Readers to our school! Their passion for books shines through as they share their love of reading with students through engaging Readers Theatre performances. They bring stories and characters to life in ways that spark imagination and excitement. Thank you, Crow River Readers, for inspiring our young readers!



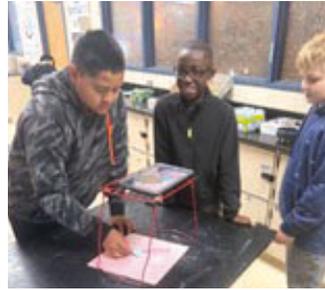
ST. MICHAEL ELEMENTARY

This turf was added in August thanks to our PTO. Students have been using it during recess for all kinds of activities, and it has quickly become a favorite spot. It replaces the area that used to turn into either a mud pit or dusty dirt, and it's now a green space students use every day.



MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST

Middle School East fifth graders had a blast creating worm videos using still shot animation movies in their art class with Mrs. Iverson! It was amazing to see their creativity hard at work as they added different pictures and voices to their stories! Awesome job, fifth graders!



MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST

On October 22 and 23, the sixth graders at Middle School West visited the Minnesota State Capitol and Historic Fort Snelling. The students were able to see and experience two places that have played major roles in the history of Minnesota, our topic of study for the entirety of sixth grade social studies. Staff and students were very thankful for the time given by parent chaperones and were grateful for the beautiful weather that helped to create a memorable day.



HIGH SCHOOL

As we near the end of Trimester 1, it's been an incredibly successful start to the year at STMA HS. Our students are thriving in a positive learning environment, and we continue to explore new ways to strengthen our student experiences to meet their needs and prepare them for their next steps.



KNIGHTS ACADEMY

One of our goals at Knights Academy is to give back to our community. One of the ways we do this is by reading to the Just 4 Kids program located one floor below us in the Community Education Building.



DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

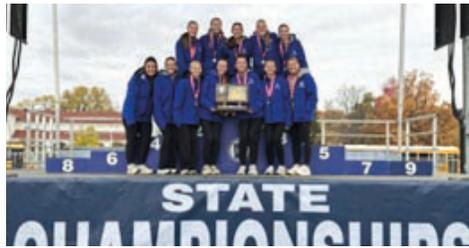
Join the Conversation

The STMA School District is always seeking the input and feedback of our staff, parents, and community. Our Policy Review Committee (PRC) meets 4 to 5 times a school year, usually in the spring, to vet, research, and discuss district policies. The PRC issues recommendations to the school board for the inclusion, adoption, or exclusion of district policies. For more information or to join the committee, contact Employee Services at 763-497-3180.

STMA Seeking Substitutes

As the district prepares for the spring and the implementation of Minnesota Paid Leave, we are continuing to look for qualified and great individuals to substitute for our certified and non-certified staff. These positions are flexible and perfect for individuals looking for a temporary opportunity. If you have a job interest or need information about licensing, simply visit our Employment page on the district website or contact Employee Services at 763-497-3180.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



2nd Place State finish for Girls Cross Country.



Football team at State Tournament.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Girls Cross Country team for winning the Section 8AAA Championship. The girls went on to finish 2nd at the state meet at the University of Minnesota. Great job, runners and coaches!

FOOTBALL

The football team defeated Rosemount 14-0 to advance to the 6A state tournament. The team won 4 games in a row before losing to Minnetonka in the state quarterfinals. Congrats to the players and coaches on their season.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Girls Soccer team won the Section 8AAA title for the 4th straight year and lost to the #1 seed Wayzata, 0-1 in overtime, in the state quarterfinals. Congratulations to the girls and coaches on a great season!



YEARBOOK

Congratulations to the STMA 2024–2025 Valor Yearbook staff who earned their fourth consecutive All-State Gold Medallion Award from the Journalism Educators of Minnesota!



HOMECOMING

Homecoming was held the week of September 22-27. The Student Council and NHS did an outstanding job planning events for the week, including the dance Saturday night that saw well over 1250 students in attendance. Homecoming 2026 will be September 14-19.



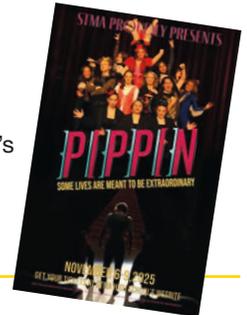
ADAPTED SOCCER

The STMA/Buffalo/Monticello Coyotes Adapted Soccer team qualified for the state tournament and ended 6th place in state. Amazing work by the athletes and coaches, and congratulations on a great season!



FALL MUSICAL

The fall musical, *Pippin*, was performed November 6-9 at the STMA PAC. The Spotlight Education program honored STMA's production with an Achievement in Musical Theater. The directors, cast, and crew will perform a medley at the Orpheum in June.



STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to our ESS Award Recipients

Congratulations to the STMA support staff honored as Educational Support Staff (ESS) Award recipients. Selected by their peers, these individuals exemplify what it means to be positive role models, demonstrating positivity in all they do, supporting coworkers, encouraging students, and contributing to a vibrant school community. They are outstanding professionals who honor each student's unique needs and consistently demonstrate kindness, empathy, and compassion. We are grateful for their leadership, dedication to our children, and commitment to putting kids first!



Kelly Sorby
Early Childhood
Special Education
Paraprofessional
at AP

Bobbi Hinz
Special Education
Paraprofessional
at STME

Alfredo Carranza
Special Education
Paraprofessional
at MW

Anna Hegland
Kids Play/
Just for Kids
Paraprofessional
at CE

Leadership and Education Excellence Award Recipients

Congratulations to the four STMA certified staff members who were recognized as Leadership and Education Excellence Award (LEEA) recipients. Honored by their peers, these educators exemplify what it means to be positive role models—uplifting colleagues, inspiring students, and contributing meaningfully to our community. They are outstanding instructors who honor each student as an individual, demonstrating genuine respect, care, and commitment every day.



Beth Schreifels
Second Grade
Teacher at STME

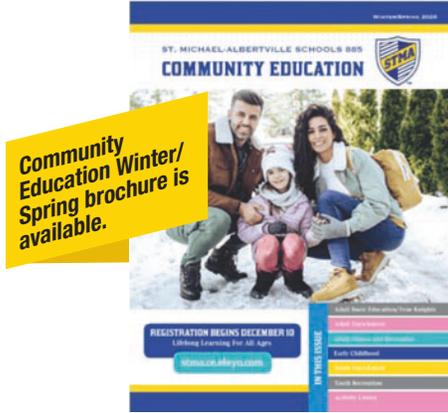
Kenzie Slama
Seventh Grade
English-Language
Arts Teacher at MW

Jen Welle
Special Education
Teacher at AP

Logan Olesen
Science Teacher
at HS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Our Winter/Spring brochure has arrived and it's better than ever! Check out the cover and get ready to explore everything we've planned for you this season. A full preview of the brochure is available on our website!



SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER REGISTRATION

Our team is already hard at work on the Summer lineup, and we're thrilled to share what's coming next. Stay connected to be the first to know about our exciting new offerings. Summer registration begins at **midnight on April 8**. Mark your calendars and set your reminders because spots fill up fast!



NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS?
Please call
763-497-3180.



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INSTRUCTORS WANTED!

Do you have a passion for technology, cooking, music, or possess other talents? Community Education seeks individuals like you to share your skills with children or adults. Any age or skill level is welcome and no prerequisite to teaching is needed. We're seeking creative ideas and energetic people to teach a class after school or in the evening. Contact **Amber Hall** at amberha@mystma.org.

ECFE: EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

ECFE is a program for families with children ages birth to five! We have numerous classes and special events that promote early literacy skills, parent discussions, gross motor, child development, and more! Children will experience developmentally appropriate lessons and parents will find support and camaraderie. Join us at the Community Education Center! Please send questions to Coordinator **Shonna Hoepfer** at shonnah@mystma.org.

PEACHJAR, THE ELECTRONIC BACKPACK

Our school district uses the electronic flyer communication tool called PEACHJAR. To view school-approved digital flyers, simply click the Peachjar button on your child's school website

homepage. This green initiative will save our schools paper and reduce copy costs. If you have any questions, please contact us at **763-497-6550 ext 7**.

STMA DOME IS BACK!

The STMA Dome is up, and we can't wait to welcome families for a season of fun! Join us for a variety of day and evening activities that everyone can enjoy together. Whether it's sports, games, or just some quality family time, the Dome is the perfect place to make lasting memories. Follow us on Facebook for more updates on Dome Days and Nights.

Dome Days: 8:15-10:15 am

[no registration required]

January 9, 15, 23, 29

February 6, 12, 20, 26

March 12 and 20

Dome Nights: 6:00-7:00 pm

[registration preferred]

January 8

February 9

March 2

FACILITY RENTALS

If you are interested in renting district space, please contact **Jim Mauss** at jimm@mystma.org.

APPAREL

STMA offers apparel through the STMA High School Store and a 24/7 online BSN store. Find details at stmaknights.com.



SENIOR CITIZENS

St. Michael and Albertville residents 62+ can obtain a free yearly activity pass at the Activities Office or District Office at Middle School West. Bring proof of residency during school hours.



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