

The Brighter Bulletin

St. Anthony New Brighton Family Newsletter

FEBRUARY 25, 2026



Hello SANB Families!

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District Updates

Capti ReadBasix Assessment

To ensure all SANB students are confident in their schoolwork, we are regularly collecting student reading data as part of the Minnesota READ Act. We begin with the FastBridge screener. In alignment with state requirements, some students in grades 4-12 may complete an additional reading assessment, the Capti ReadBasix.

The Capti ReadBasix assessment provides more detailed information about specific reading skill development and gaps. This data will inform our instructional practices to address reading gaps and challenges, building a strong foundation for reading and comprehension.

For questions, please contact your building administrator, District Assessment Coordinator Laura Guerrero (lguerrero@isd282.org), or District Literacy Coordinator Jaimee Stanley (jstanley@isd282.org).

Help Shape Math at SANB: Last Call

We want to hear from you as the district is selecting a new math curriculum aligned with the Minnesota standards for K-12 instruction in Mathematics. ***The survey closes THIS WEEK!***

Your feedback will help guide future decisions about how math is taught and how students learn across our schools. Please take a few minutes to share your perspective by completing **this survey**.

Math Curriculum Survey

9th Grade Orientation: February 25

Families of current 8th grade students are invited to join us for **SAVHS 9th Grade Orientation on TONIGHT**. This event is a chance to learn what to expect as students transition from SAMS to SAVHS and to hear directly from students about their experiences.

- **When:** Wednesday, February 25. 6:00-8:00 PM.
- **Where:** SAMS/SAVHS Auditorium.
- **Details:** The evening will include student speakers, performances by the SAVHS choir and jazz band, a chance to register for classes, and additional information to help families feel prepared and excited for the year ahead.

Welcome to
SAVHS




**9TH GRADE
ORIENTATION
FEB. 25TH
6 - 8 PM
HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**

What to Expect

First, welcome to high school, we are so excited to have you! Tonight is the kick-off to your high school years. You will be greeted with:

- **Student speakers**
- **Performances by our Jazz band and Chamber Choir**
- **Demonstration by Robo Huskies**
- **Introductions by your support team**
- **Finally, the opportunity to register for your classes!**

Please mark your calendars and label this date as the first step in your high school experience!



Principal McCartan



Assistant Principal Ruble

Parent Engagement Series Virtual Session: February 26

ECFE teacher Anne-Marie Fischer in partnership with World Savvy will host a virtual parent engagement session focused on supporting children during current immigration enforcement activity in our community.

- **Date:** Thursday, February 26. 6:00-7:30 PM
- **Location:** Hosted on Zoom with interpretation available in Spanish, Somali, Oromo and Tibetan.

Families can register using the link below.

Parent Engagement Series RSVP

ECFE & Preschool Open House: February 28

St. Anthony Early Childhood programs are hosting an open house on Saturday, February 28 from 9:00-11:00 AM at the St. Anthony Community Center. Families with children 5 and younger are invited to bring your family, meet the early childhood teachers, play in classrooms and learn about our early childhood programs.

- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes for parents and children birth to age 5
- Half Day and All Day Preschool classes for children 3-5 years old. *Children must be three by September 1, 2026.*

Saturday Open Gym

- **Days:** Saturdays through March 21.
- **Time:** 9:30-11:30 AM.
- **Location:** St. Anthony Community Center gym.
- **Cost**:** \$5/child or \$10 for two or more children ages 0-9 from the same family.
- ****Cash only** (punch cards available for purchase with cash).

Iftar Dinner: March 4

The City of New Brighton and SAVHS Muslim Student Association are hosting an Iftar dinner at SAVHS next week. Iftar marks the evening meal that ends the daily fast during Ramadan. All are welcome to the Iftar dinner!

- **When:** Wednesday, March 4. 5:00-8:00 PM.
- **Where:** St. Anthony Village High School Cafeteria/Commons.
- **Details:** Dinner will be provided and all are welcome for camaraderie and to learn more about the SAVHS Muslim Student Association.



Huskies Rumble: March 6 🏆

Get ready for an unforgettable night at SAVHS: The Huskies Rumble! We're partnering with F1RST Wrestling to host the Huskies Rumble NEXT FRIDAY! **The evening will feature live professional wrestling, including a special match starring SAVHS's very own Mr. Boegman, AKA Mr. Williams in the ring. The night will also feature a live performance by the SAVHS Front Desk Extraordinaire Rory Donovan and his band Wish Wash!**

- **When:** Friday, March 6. Doors open at 6:00 PM.
- **Where:** St. Anthony Village High School Lower Gym.
- **Details:** Get your tickets online today! Golden circle tickets get you even closer to the action. **ALL proceeds go towards the SAVHS Prom! All ages welcome.**

Huskies Rumble Tickets



School Board Brief

Board Brief Key Takeaways: February 17

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

- The board approved the 2026-2027 school year calendar recommended by the District Calendar Committee. The committee is made up of teachers, food service and custodial staff, paraeducators, and administrative staff, and board member Director Hood. Tuesday, September 1, 2026 will be the first day of the 26-27SY. There will be minor edits to clarify a few labeled dates and an additional proofreading will occur.
- Director of Athletics, Activities, and Facilities Dr. Troy Urdahl presented a long-term facilities maintenance and budget update. Some of the Summer 2026 projects include floor replacement of the WP 5th grade wing, a SAVHS/SAMS single-user restroom, replacing heat exchangers in the SAVHS pool, and more. Director Urdahl explained the utility service curtailment program SANB is in with CenterPoint Energy.
- Community Services Facilities Coordinator Maggie Chandler and Dr. Urdahl presented an update on community use of school facilities and facilities rentals. Currently SANB does not charge St. Anthony nonprofits for use of public school property, which is not in compliance with the Public Use Doctrine and is dissimilar to other public school districts. The board approved the collection of fees from nonprofits. The nonprofits St. Anthony Sports Boosters and SAV Soccer Club will go through a phased-in approach for fees to begin. The fees collected from St. Anthony Sports Boosters will go towards investments and improvements of SANB facilities.
- The board decided to keep their current 25-26 SMART goals with an emphasis on community engagement and professional development for data literacy. The board plans to revisit these goals in March.
- There was a closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 2(a)(3) and Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 2(b) to discuss private educational data and to discuss the Superintendent.