



SSPPS District News

February 26, 2026

2026 Building Bond/Capital Levy

On May 12, 2026, South St. Paul voters will decide on a proposed school building bond and capital levy. South St. Paul Public Schools facilities are used for PreK–12 instruction as well as early learning, Community Education, adult enrichment, fitness and wellness programs, senior activities, and community events. The district also partners with organizations such as Kitchen Coalition, The Open Door, and Every Meal to provide food access and family support services within school buildings. Read more about how the bond/levy will support these programs on the Building Bond/Capital Levy webpage.



2026 Silver Apple Nominations Open

Nominations are open for the 2026 Roxanne Bliss Silver Apple Award. Students can nominate any South St. Paul Public Schools staff member for the award as someone who has made a positive impact on their life. To nominate a staff member, students can fill out the nominated form, attach a sheet describing in 100 words or less how this teacher/support staff member reaches beyond classroom walls, and submit it to the SSP Educational Foundation. You can find the nomination form and details on the website.



Middle School Tours

SSP Middle School is hosting a series of tours for students transitioning from 5th to 6th grade or families new to the district. At the tour you can learn more about Middle School in South St. Paul and see key places around the building including: Cafeteria, Media Center, Offices, Gymnasium, Locker Areas, and Core and Specialist Classrooms.



Tours will be held at these dates and times:

- Monday, March 9 at 10:00 am (FB Event Page)
- Thursday, March 12 at 5:00 pm (FB Event Page)
- Wednesday, April 8 and 5:00 pm (también en español) (FB Event Page)

Learn more about SSP Middle School on the enrollment webpage.

2026-27 Enrollment Open for New Students

Enrollment is open for students new to SSPPS for the 2026-27 school year in grades PreK-12. You can enroll your new student on the website at www.sspps.org/enroll. New kindergarten students and families are invited to the Spring Open Houses at Lincoln and Kaposia. Meet the staff, visit a classroom, and learn more about kindergarten in SSP.

- Kaposia- Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 pm
- Lincoln- Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm



Temporary Digital Learning Update

Earlier this winter, we offered a Temporary Digital Learning Program during Operation Metro Surge to support student and staff safety. As that period comes to a close, The Temporary Digital Learning option will end on Friday, March 6. There is no school on March 9–10, and all students will return to in-person learning on Wednesday, March 11.

Our safety protocols will continue across school buildings, grounds, and district transportation to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment for every student.

Families of participating students have received additional details directly. If you have questions or need support, please contact your school's main office.

2026 Summer Learning

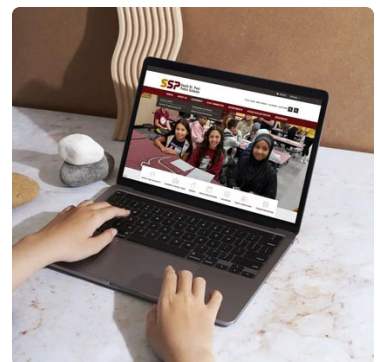
This summer, our Grades 1–8 Learning Opportunities will be offered through an invitation-only model for the Elementary and Middle School Summer Learning Academies. If your student is eligible to participate, you will receive a personal invitation from their current teacher with details about the program and how to register.



SSPPS will continue to offer Packer Preview for incoming sixth graders and Kindergarten Camp for our newest learners, to all students. You can find dates, times, and registration information on the summer learning website. We look forward to supporting your child's learning this summer!

Your Clicks Matter: Share Your Website Experience

We'd love to hear what you think about our district website, sspps.org. Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey and share your experience. Your feedback will help guide updates to the site's design and features, making it easier to use for our families and staff. Family Website Survey.



Healing in Four Directions Pow Wow

All SSPPS Families and Staff are invited to attend the Healing in Four Directions Pow Wow on March 8, 2026 at Johnson High School in St Paul. South St. Paul Schools is partnering with other districts and local organizations to host this for families and staff. Information about Pow Wow.

School Board Meeting Updates

Highlights from the SSPPS School Board Meeting on February 23, 2026. You can view the whole meeting video online at: <https://www.sspps.org/about/school-board/meetings>.

High School New Courses Update

High School Principal Chuck Ochocki shared highlights from this school year and provided an update on the new courses proposed to the Board last year, noting which offerings received enough student interest to run this year. Teachers Conrad Anderson and Eric Holsen also presented highlights from their classes, showcasing engaging projects and learning experiences taking place.

Field Trip Approvals

The School Board approved final authorization for two international field trips scheduled for Spring 2026. The High School French program will travel to France and Monaco, while the High School Spanish program will visit Costa Rica. Both experiences will provide students with immersive, real-world opportunities to strengthen their language skills and deepen their cultural understanding.

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 - 513- Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design
 - 601- School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
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- Fitness Classes Starting Soon at Central Square!
 - Free Adult Education Classes
 - Youth Swim Lessons - New Classes Starting in March & April
 - Soccer Camp - Starts Next Week!
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- **March 9-10**, No School for all students
- **March 12**, Grade 11 in School ACT- No school grades 9, 10, and 12, regular school day for grades Prek-8
- **March 30-April 3**, Spring Break

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