

The Brighter Bulletin

St. Anthony New Brighton Family Newsletter

MARCH 25, 2026

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District Updates

SANB Welcomes Two New Principals for 2026-27 🙌

After a thorough search and hiring process, Dr. Joel Leer will be the new St. Anthony Village High School principal and Suzanne Moum will be the new Wilshire Park principal beginning in the 26-27 school year. You can read about their background and the principal selection process on the [district website](#).



Principal Appointments Article

Amy Kujawski Leaving SAMS 🤝

St. Anthony Middle School principal Amy Kujawski announced that she would be resigning as SAMS principal at the end of this school year. She will be leaving to pursue another principal position next year. In her message to SAMS families last Friday Amy said, “SAMS is a very special school and I know it will remain a place where students find belonging and self-discovery through the work we do together.”

2026-2027 School Year Calendar 📅

The 2026-2027 school year calendar is available to view on the district website. Visit isd282.org > News > Calendar > [26-27 School Calendar](#).

2026-2027 School Year Calendar

Events, Opportunities & Highlights

Interventional Radiologist Speaks at SAVHS 🏥

During the SAVHS guest speaker session, Dr. Continenza, Interventional Radiologist, shared his educational journey, including medical school application tips, strategies for undergraduate success, and guidance on what students can do in their first four years of college to improve their chances of admission.



Mel Hart Scholarship Breakfast: March 28 💰

Community members are invited to support the Mel Hart Scholarship Fund by attending a breakfast fundraiser at **Steele & Hops in St. Anthony from 9-11 a.m.** The scholarship honors St. Anthony High School graduate Mel Hart and supports SAVHS seniors who demonstrate strong citizenship and plan to continue their education. **\$15 Breakfast tickets can be purchased at the restaurant, all proceeds supporting the scholarship fund.**

STEELE & HOPS

KITCHEN / BAR

2800 39th Avenue Northeast • St. Anthony, MN



MEL HART BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY STEELE & HOPS

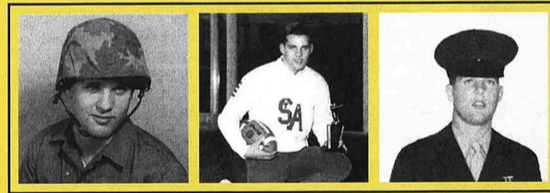
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 | 9AM TO 11AM

\$15

MENU INCLUDES:

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage,
cheesy potatoes, donuts, yogurt and granola

Buffet style, beverages not included



Proceeds go to St. Anthony High School Mel Hart Scholarship Recipients

In Memory of

Melvin E. Hart, Class of 1963

Private U.S. Marine Corps

Killed in Action near Da Nang, Vietnam | May 4, 1966

If you are unable to attend but wish to donate:

Make checks payable to:

St. Anthony High School
memo: Melvin Hart Fund

You can mail checks to:

Mel Hart
13937 Norway Street • Andover, MN 55304

Bilingual Seals: Test on April 7 & May 6

The Minnesota Bilingual Seals Program awards language certificates or bilingual seals to Minnesota high school graduates who have met the required levels of proficiency in a world language and fulfilled the English Language Arts credits.

- Eligible students must be in grades 10-12.
- Test dates are Tuesday, April 7 and Wednesday, May 6.
- **Register for a test date using this Google Form.**
- Flyers in our most commonly used languages are attached as PDFs to this email.

With the Seal, you can:

- Earn college credit
- Expand your career prospects and earning potential
- Connect with people from diverse backgrounds
- Gain opportunities to travel internationally
- Become a proud advocate for your community and our growing multilingual society!

Bilingual Seal Test Registration

School Board Brief

Board Brief Key Takeaways: March 24

The Board Brief summarizes the discussions and actions during school board meetings. For full context and exact remarks, please watch the meeting recording.

- The school board voted to approve the resolution to accept a \$10,000 donation from the Minnesota Vikings to the 2026 SAVHS Girls' Flag Football program.
- The board nominated and selected by acclimation Director Annie Bosmans as school board Clerk.
- The board voted to approve the 2026-2029 principal contract.
- The board voted to approve the hiring of Suzanne Moum as the Wilshire Park principal.
- The board voted to approve the hiring of Dr. Joel Leer as the St. Anthony Village High School principal.
- There was a discussion on hiring an interim superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year. The hiring team included the board chair Cassandra Palmer and vice chair PJ Striker as a non-quorum number of members of the board. Input from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), St. Anthony Village Education Association (SAVEA), and district administrators came through a survey. Important qualities in a superintendent that came from these stakeholders were stability, clear and transparent communication skills and strong skills in school budgets and finances. Individual board members had an opportunity to meet and discuss finalist candidates. Dr. Steve Massey will serve as interim superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year. Next steps include Chair Palmer and assistant superintendent Hope Fagerland meeting with Massey to determine the details of the interim superintendent contract.
- Board members used a scoring system to evaluate the school board vacancy applications they received. The board reviewed applications with redacted names, grading each applicant using a rubric. The final results of the scoring resulted in two candidates with the highest scores out of 500. The board decided to have a discussion about the two finalists in lieu of an applicant interview. The board discussed the two finalist candidates who were revealed to be Amy Kalar with the highest total, followed by Stacy Dean. The board made an amendment addendum to the agenda to make a motion to fill the school board vacancy by appointment. The board voted to approve the resolution to appoint Amy Kalar to the board.
- Effective Instruction Coordinator Laura Guerrero presented on the 2026 updated success metrics. The goals include academic excellence, student wellness, and being a positive contributor. Guerrero presented on standardized test data, teacher coaching cycles, panorama assessments, and more.
- Superintendent Renee Corneille presented the 2026-2027 school year budget assumptions. There was a focus on future expenditures including increased costs

for special education services, staff health insurance cost increases, building utility costs, and more.

03.24.26 Meeting Recording



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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.