

Family News

Back to School Information

The first day of school is less than 3-weeks away. We're excited to welcome all staff and students back into our buildings. Before the first bell rings, be sure to check the below items off your list and scroll down for important information.

Back-to-School Checklist

- Complete the **Annual Family Information Verification**
- Complete or Opt Out of the **Educational Benefits form**
- Review **Safety and Security Procedures**
- Save the back-to-school dates *(below)*
- Download the **printable academic calendar**
- Review **Handbooks**
- If applicable, **accept or decline transportation**
- If applicable, fill out **transportation pay-to-ride waitlist**
- Download **HELPme App**
- Activate **ParentSquare account** (district-wide communication system) when prompted and download the app- Invites will be sent within one week of the first day of school

Reminders from the Health Office



As the school year approaches, the SSPPS Health Office wants to remind families of a few things.

Immunizations: All students PreK-12 must meet **MN State immunization requirements** or have an exemption form on file. If your student needs vaccinations, there is a free clinic coming up at Central Square:

- August 27, 2026
- 1:30-6:15 pm
- Central Square (100 7th Ave N, SSP)
- **More details here**

Illness: It's important for students to attend school everyday. However, there are times when a student may be too ill. Follow the **illness guidelines** to determine when your student is too sick to be in school.

Medications/Chronic Health Conditions: If your student needs medication during the school day, please refer to the **guidelines on the website**.

Important Back-to-School Dates

Secondary (6-12)

Packer Essentials: Receive schedules/lockers, have their picture taken, and get any needed support from district departments. This is an open house style event.

- August 13 and 17
- 12:00-3:00 pm and 4:00-7:00 pm
- SSP Secondary Cafeteria

Family Connect: Connection teachers will reach out to middle school families in mid-August to schedule a time to meet. High school students and families can walk their schedule and meet with teachers if needed.

- August 27, 3:30-7:30 pm
- August 28, 7:30-11:30 am

Elementary (PreK-5)

Family Connect: Homeroom teachers will reach out to families in mid-August to schedule a time to meet.

- August 27, 8:00 am-8:00 pm
- August 28, 7:30-11:30 am

Kids' Choice Family Connect: Visit with Kids' Choice staff and explore the classrooms

- August 27, 8:00 am-1:30 pm

ECFE Open House: Explore the Early Learning spaces at Kaposia Education Center and meet ECFE teachers and staff

- Sept 3, 4:00-6:00 pm

First Days of School

- **Grades 1-6, 9-12:** Tuesday, September 1, 2026
- **Grades K, 7-8:** Wednesday, September 2, 2026
- **4-Year-Old PreK:** Thursday, September 3, 2026
- **3-Year-Old PreK:** Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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