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Happy New School Year!



Supt. Reggie Engebritson, Ed.D.

The start of the new school year is upon us and I'm excited for all the new beginnings it brings. Whether it is little ones starting preschool or kindergarten, or older students starting junior high or their senior year, it is all a new beginning. Each student has their own story and their own journey and it's our job to build relationships with them and make connections so they want to be at school and learn.

This year, we will begin our second year of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support or MTSS. This is a framework where we believe that all students can learn and we ensure that all students are learning by assessing them as we move through a unit or chapter. When I was in school, we just had chapter tests. We learned the material and then had a test at the end of the chapter or unit. If we passed the test, we moved on. If we failed the test, we moved on. It didn't matter. The teacher had to get through the material and there was no stopping at the end of each lesson to assess whether we were understanding the material or not.

We live in different times where we must ensure that each child is learning. There are many quick strategies that teachers can use to make sure all

students are understanding the material. One strategy is called "Exit Cards." This is where the teacher puts a question on the board towards the end of the daily lesson and before students leave the class or move on to the next subject, they have to answer the question on a 3 x 5 index card. The teacher collects the cards and can easily see which students understood the material and which students did not. Then the teacher can decide if the material needs to be retaught a different way to the whole class the next day or if there are only a few students who need some more intense instruction for maybe 10-15 minutes over a few days. Each child is different, so we take them where they are at and help them build their knowledge based on what they already know.

The best way to understand something is to teach it to someone else. That is why we are rearranging our classrooms so students are in small groups, rather than rows. Students can then turn to the others in their group or their elbow partner and teach or explain the concept to a classmate. This helps solidify the information in their brain.

How can one teacher do all of this with possibly 20 students in the classroom? Good question. That is why we use the MTSS framework. Rather than send students out of class to receive additional help, we bring the support staff **into** the classroom to provide support. Paraprofessionals, special education teachers, Indian Ed. and Title I staff are all moving into the classrooms to provide support to students who need it. When students leave the classroom, they are missing out on the instruction from the general education teacher, who has the most knowledge on the subject matter. When students leave the classroom and the general ed. teacher's core instruction, we create an achievement gap and the gap does not close the older they get. Please remember, I am speaking in generalities. Each child is different and some students need to leave the classroom for their instruction. But as we change our mindset and try to keep as many students in the classroom as possible, and bring the support staff into the classroom, we will see more gains in our learners. I am grateful to work in a district where the staff are forward-thinking and want the best for every child who comes through our schoolhouse doors.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS ARE MOVING

In the past, we have published required annual notifications in the fall edition of the district newspaper. We will be moving annual notifications and soon you will be able to find them on the district website and the school websites.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Send an e-mail to portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us with a request to set up a Parent Portal if you do not already have one.
- ☐ Go into your Parent Portal and complete the Online Student Registration (OLR).
- ☐ Complete the Application for Educational Benefits (*after completing your OLR*). ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO DO THIS. Doing so benefits some families directly, but benefits all families indirectly. You may do so through your Parent Portal or by going to your school website, under the Parent Resources tab.
- ☐ If you are not a 2142 resident and your child is enrolling in one of our schools, complete the Open Enrollment form found on your school website and return it to your school office.
- ☐ Be sure your emergency card and health survey are completed and returned prior to the start of school. Contact health staff in your school if any special health-related arrangements are required.
- ☐ Be sure all other forms such as insurance form/waiver, dental form (if needed), and iPad/laptop agreement are returned prior to the start of school. Remember to include the insurance fee with the iPad/laptop agreement if you choose that option.
- ☐ If you want to register your child for preschool, please contact DaNeil Sirjord at dsirjord@isd2142.k12.mn.us or 749-8130 ext 1116, or call your school and ask to speak to a preschool teacher. They will assist you with the process for registering your preschooler.
- ☐ Purchase your child's school supplies. Supply lists are available on your school website or at your school office.
- ☐ Set up optional on-line payments through your Parent Portal. Payment options are available for lunches, technology insurance, sports fees, etc. The reoccurring payment option is now available if you would like to set up monthly payments to lunch accounts. This is optional, but so convenient! You may still pay by cash or check at the school if you prefer.
- ☐ If you have questions concerning your parent portal throughout the year, please send an email to: portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us.
- ☐ IMPORTANT: Inform your school office ASAP if you have any personal information changes throughout the year such as address, phone number, etc.
- ☐ BE EXCITED ABOUT THE START OF SCHOOL! WE ARE!!

New this year: Recurring Online Payments!

A new online payment feature has been added which allows parents to set up recurring payments. With this feature, you can pay installments for a fee, pay for recurring services from the district, or automatically add money to a Food Service account when it reaches a low balance.

The Recurring Payments tool is part of "My Accounts." "My Accounts" appears on the screen when you are looking at the Today, Food Service, or Fees tools.

To set up automatic recurring payments for Food Service:

1. Select **Recurring Payments**.
2. Select **Food Service**.
3. Select a **Frequency Option**: *Monthly or Low Balance*.
4. Select the **Payment Method** you want to use and the **Email Address** for Campus to send the receipt.
5. Select **Save**.

If you need assistance, please contact your school secretary or Lisa Callister at 749-8130, ext. 1111.

Laying a foundation for the future

South Ridge, Cherry expansions creating space for enrollment growth

BY LEE BLOOMQUIST

Major expansions at the South Ridge and Cherry campuses are on schedule and moving ahead smoothly.

Two of three additions at the \$3.7 million expansion at South Ridge will be complete by the end of August, according to Nathan Norton, ICS Consulting, Inc., project manager. ICS, headquartered in Blaine, Minn., is managing construction at both campuses.

Included in the South Ridge expansion are four new upper elementary and four new high school classrooms. Two existing classrooms are also being remodeled and expanded.

“Schedule-wise, everything is tracking really well,” Norton said of the South Ridge construction. “We’ve had no surprises. Everything is going well.”

Though a large portion of the South Ridge work will be complete by late summer, one of the new high school learning areas will be complete Oct. 25, said Norton.

All of the new construction work will match the existing building’s decor, said Norton.

“In the original build of the school, they were planning for additions, so we’re adding on and doing the exact same finishes,” said Norton. “It’s made to blend right in. And it’s all high-end like the (terrazzo) flooring, which will last 100 years.”

Expansions at South Ridge and Cherry are creating more space for young learners and allowing for enrollment growth, according to Reggie Engebritson, ISD 2142 superintendent.

“We are excited about the expansions at both schools,” said Engebritson. “We have only been able to offer 24 hours of pre-school programming for our area 3-year-olds. With the expansion at South Ridge, we



Two of three additions at the South Ridge Campus are to be complete by the end of August. Photo courtesy of ICS Consulting, Inc.

will be able to offer half-day programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays during most of the school year. This is a big change for our littlest learners!”

Enrollment at South Ridge has been growing steadily, approaching 600 students and 70-75 adults per day, said Principal Andrew Bernard. Enrollment growth is especially strong in a new 3-year-old program, Early Childhood, and Kindergarten Readiness, said Bernard.

“This growth can be attributed to the pushing out of the Duluth area into more rural communities,” said Bernard. “With the growth in the elementary, it is starting to push into our high school.”

At Cherry, ground was broken Aug. 5 on \$13.4 million in construction.

Included are two new lower elementary, five new upper elementary, and four new high school classrooms. Two existing classrooms are being remodeled and expanded for the

school’s 4-year-old program. A remodeled and expanded commons, new fitness center, Indian Education space, music room, breakout teaching areas, new walk-in coolers, and space for school resource officers, are among other projects. A new parking lot will be built on the school’s east side and a staff/community events parking lot will be added on the west side.

“We have had to close open enrollment at Cherry for the past three years due to having no more space for students,” said Engebritson. “The expansions at Cherry will allow more classroom space to meet our growing needs.”

This fall, work focuses on raising the surface and improving drainage on the football field, new football field lighting, a new baseball field with new dugouts, and school parking lot improvements. Indoor air quality upgrades are also part of the project.

Cherry Principal Michael Johnson

said staff has done an outstanding job in making the best of the school’s current space. However, expansion will allow the school to accommodate two sections per grade and three sections in some grades in the future, he said.

“Staff and the community have been excited to create an even better learning environment for our students,” said Johnson. “I feel that we will have a much more streamlined school that will help with efficiency and the flow of students in all aspects of the building, increasing the safety of students by addressing the location of the nurse’s office in the center of the school, to more space for students to be in the morning upon arrival. I am proud of the design team in creating a plan within our funding sources that meets the needs of students, staff and the community.”

Cherry’s new fitness center and music room will be built off the northwest corner of the school. New classrooms will be constructed off the southwest, southeast, and northeast corners of the school.

Excavation and footings will be completed for the classrooms this year. The new classrooms will be complete in 2020.

Because of this fall’s football field renovations, three Cherry varsity home games will be played at Mountain Iron-Buhl and one at the Northeast Range Campus, said Johnson.

Superintendent Engebritson, Business Manager Kim Johnson, and Early Childhood Family Education Director DaNeil Sirjord deserve credit for finding funding streams for the expansions, said Bernard.

District taxpayers will not see an increase in the school district portion of their property taxes from the expansions. That’s because levies for other school district projects, which were previously included in the district property tax levy, have expired.

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PBIS in the St. Louis County Schools

What is this and what should I expect?

The Tiger ROAR (Respectful, On Task, Always Safe, Responsible)
Panther Pride, Nighthawk Pride, Eagle Pride, North Woods Grizzlies GRRR!
3 R's- Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn

Teachers and principals from all five schools gathered together in August for a two-day training to kick off the implementation of PBIS in our district. PBIS is short for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports. It is used interchangeably with SWPBS, which is short for School-wide Positive Behavior Supports. The focus is on teaching, modeling, and encouraging positive behavior in all areas of the school environment.

PBIS is defined in Minnesota Statute and means an evidence-based framework for preventing problem behavior, providing instruction and support for positive and prosocial behaviors, and supporting social, emotional, and behavioral needs for all students.

School-wide implementation of PBIS requires training, coaching, and evaluation for school staff to consistently implement the key components that make PBIS effective for all students. These key components include:

- 1) establishing, defining, teaching, and practicing positively stated school-wide behavioral expectations;
- 2) developing and implementing a consistent system used by all staff to provide positive feedback and acknowledgement for students who display school-wide behavior expectations;
- 3) developing and implementing a consistent and specialized support system for students who do not display behaviors representative of school-wide positive expectations;
- 4) developing a system to support decisions based on data related to student progress, effective implementation of behavioral practices, and screening for students requiring additional behavior supports;
- 5) using a continuum of evidence-based interventions that is integrated and aligned to support academic and behavioral success for all students; and
- 6) using a team-based approach to support effective implementation, monitor progress, and evaluate outcomes.

The goal: All students develop and learn social, emotional, and behavior competence, supporting their academic engagement.

Look for additional information about PBIS coming from your school throughout the school year. If you have any questions at any time, please contact your school principal.

ECFE – Early Childhood Family Education



Classes are offered at all of our schools for children and their parents before the child goes to Kindergarten. Classes meet weekly for 2 hours. Classes include a time for parents and children to do activities together and a time apart when parents meet with other parents, and children remain with the teacher and play together. This program builds independence, language skills, and group interaction skills. It is a great way to meet families with young children in your community!

Fees for this class are on a sliding fee scale based on family income. No family will be turned away for their inability to pay. Immunizations must be current to attend classes!

Special events are provided for families in their local school communities for parents with young children. We would love to see you there! Information will be mailed out to all families on our early childhood mailing list.

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Tower-Soudan	Mary Larson, Child Educator Sarah Hansen, Parent Educator	mlarson@isd2142.k12.mn.us shansen@isd2142.k12.mn.us

WELCOMING VOLUNTEERS

At St. Louis County Schools, we welcome the help of volunteers, both in our schools and with off-site activities, such as field trips. All volunteers are required to have a passing background check before being permitted to volunteer. A signed consent form is required before the district can request a background check from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. A blank consent form may be accessed online through the school or district websites, or by contacting the office at your local school. Prospective volunteers should ensure that they complete the consent form and turn it in to the school office to allow time enough for the district to obtain the background check... at least one week prior to the activity or program at which you would like to volunteer would be best.



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Online Registration for St. Louis County Schools

This system is expected to decrease the amount of paperwork families need to complete when either enrolling their child(ren) for the first time into our district or updating the information already in the system at the beginning of each school year. This system will help us to have the most current information on file for your child(ren).

Please follow the instructions below and if you have questions, contact your school office. All Online Registration questions can be emailed to portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us.

Start HERE if your family is not new to our district (your child(ren) attended any time in the past):

- ☐ STEP 1: Do you have a parent portal login? If yes, proceed to step 2. If no, email portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us to obtain a parent portal login.

You can complete these steps on a computer or on your mobile phone. There is a new mobile app for Parent Portal this year. The old app will direct you to the new download or you can download it here:
[Download on the App Store](#) [Get it on Google play](#)

- ☐ STEP 2: Log into the Parent Portal to complete your ONLINE REGISTRATION using the information below for current students. There will be instructions on the Parent Portal to access the registration.
 1. Choose the option below that best describes your situation.
 2. Complete the steps in the registration process and submit.
 3. Look for email when your enrollment is approved.
- ☐ STEP 3: Complete the Application for Education Benefits by logging into Infinite Campus Portal, click More, and choose Meal Benefits. The application is filled out online. IMPORTANT: You must complete the steps in this order: Log on, click More, choose Meal Benefits.

Start HERE if your family is new to our District and you want to enroll your child(ren):

Email Link:
<https://arcc.infinitecampus.org/campus/OLRLogin/stlouisco>
Please use this link if you are enrolling new student(s) to the St. Louis County School District. Do NOT use this link if you already have students enrolled in the St. Louis County School District. The instructions in this link will generate an email with a link to begin registration.

Once you receive notice that your application was accepted you can continue to complete the Application for Education Benefits by logging into Infinite Campus Portal, click More, and choose Meal Benefits. The application is filled out online.

Want to learn more? Copy and Paste this link into a browser for a short video of the online process:
<https://content.infinitecampus.com/sis/Campus.1709/video/learn/online-registration-for-parents/>

Thank you! If you have questions you can contact your school office or email portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us

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2019-20 SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM

APPLICATION

The “Application for Educational Benefits” is used to determine family eligibility for free school meals. The application materials were mailed out in August to all known households. If your family is new to the area, enrolling a student for the first time, or did not receive the application materials, a copy can be obtained from your local school or from the district office. All applications need to be mailed directly to the district office for processing. Your children may qualify for free meals. **Students who qualify for reduced-price school meals will receive FREE lunches and breakfasts. ALL Kindergarten students qualify for FREE breakfasts.**

Each student’s 2018-2019 eligibility status carries over through September 2019. However, it is important that parents submit the 2019-2020 application on a timely basis. If there is a gap between the expiration of the 2018-2019 application and the approval of the 2019-2020 application, parents/guardians are responsible for any meals served during the interim. New applications do not go into effect until they have been fully processed, which can take up to 10 business days. Parents/guardians (including foster parents) are responsible for the costs of student meals until an application has been received and approved. If there is a change in your income during the school year, a new application can be submitted at that time.

In addition to providing qualifying students with free or reduced-price meals, this application is also the basis for receiving State Compensatory Aid. The district will receive approximately \$1.55 million in FY20, with the majority of the money going to support site-based teachers’ salaries. **Even if your child does not participate** in the school lunch program, the application should be filled out if your income is below the amounts listed below. The money the district receives is based on the number of students who QUALIFY for free meals. Non-qualifying households need not fill out an application.

Your Application for Educational Benefits can be approved if any of the following apply to your household:

1. One or more children receive MFIP, Food Stamps or FDPIR benefits
2. You have a foster child
3. Total household income is within these guidelines (gross earning):

Maximum Household Income					
Household Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
For each additional household member add:	8,177	682	341	315	158

MEAL PRICES

For the 2019-2020 school year, **breakfast** will cost **\$1.75** for elementary and high school students; **lunch** will cost **\$2.35 for elementary** students and **\$2.70 for high school** students. **Students qualifying for reduced meals will receive free lunch and breakfast.** **ALL Kindergarten students qualify for FREE breakfasts.**

In addition to the meal provided, students may purchase additional ala carte items that are available. Even if your child receives free meals, they will be charged for these items and therefore need to have money in their account.

The district highly recommends that households deposit money to their child’s food service account prior to the start of school or not later than the first day of school. This can be done online through parent portal, at the school office using a credit or debit card, or by check or cash in the exact amount to be deposited to your child’s food service account. An online payment feature allows you to set up recurring deposits to your child’s food service account or automatically add money when it reaches a low balance. If paying by check or cash, do not combine food service account money with other school fees/purchases and be aware that no change can be given.

CHARGING

Parents/guardians should make sufficient deposits to assure that students have enough money in their food service accounts to cover the cost of their meals. However, when it is necessary, students will be allowed to charge one meal. This is a privilege that should not be abused. Account reconciliation will begin approximately one month before the end of the school year to reduce the likelihood that a negative balance is left in an account at the end of the year.

ALTERNATIVE MEALS

Alternative meals will be provided on a case-by-case basis. When the balance is negative, a milk and grain component will be offered at breakfast and a sandwich and milk will be offered at lunch one time. A student’s account will be reviewed by School Administration if a negative balance exists beyond the offering of an alternative meal. An alternative breakfast meal consists of toast and milk; an alternative lunch meal consists of a PBJ sandwich and milk. It is highly recommended that parents/guardians respond quickly to the low balance statements that are sent home on a regular basis.

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2019-2020 EXTRA-CURRICULAR FEES

Participation Fees

Varsity and JV Athletes	\$120.00
Jr High (Grades 7-8) Athletes*	\$ 60.00
Students qualifying for reduced lunch will pay 50% of the participation fee	
Varsity and JV Athletes	\$ 60.00
Jr High (Grades 7-8) Athletes*	\$ 30.00
Students qualifying for free lunch will pay 25% of the participation fee	
Varsity and JV Athletes	\$ 30.00
Jr High (Grades 7-8) Athletes*	\$ 15.00
Maximum Family Participation Fee	\$500.00

*Jr High Fees apply to athletes who participate only on 7th & 8th grade teams. If an athlete participates at the Jr High level and also participates at the JV or Varsity level, he/she will pay the Varsity/JV Athlete fee.

Additional Information Regarding Participation Fees

1. Participation fees must be paid prior to the first game/contest. Fees must be paid in the school office with a site secretary. A receipt will be provided.
2. Refunds will be provided only if a student is unable to participate due to injury or due to circumstances beyond the student’s control. If a student participates for half the season and becomes injured, one-half of the fee will be refunded. No refunds will be granted to any student who becomes ineligible to participate due to violations of the MSHSL or school rules.
3. Junior High (7th and 8th grade) students who are moved up to play at the JV or Varsity level will be required to pay the Varsity/JV participation fee. Money already paid at the Jr High level will be applied to the higher fee.
4. A student who is unable to pay the participation fee due to personal or family finances shall meet with the School Principal. The Principal will determine, based upon individual circumstances, how the fee will be paid.

Spectator Fees

Age 0 through 5	Free
ISD 2142 students*	Free with current Student ID
Other students	\$3.00 per game <i>(includes college students with current year college ID)</i>
Adults	\$5.00 per game
Seniors (Age 65+)	Free w/ Lifetime Sports Pass <i>(available in School Offices or the District Office)</i> or by showing ID <i>(w/ DOB)</i>
ISD 2142 Staff	Free with current Staff ID
ISD 2142 Coaches	Free with current Staff ID or current year sports pass
ISD 2142 School Board	Free with current School Board Member ID

*All ISD 2142 students (elementary and high school) are issued a Student ID.
*Students in Grades K-6 must be accompanied by an adult.

ISD 2142 STRICTLY ENFORCES IMMUNIZATION LAWS

Up-to-date immunizations are required for school attendance.

Parents of children registered to now enter kindergarten, grade 7, and grade 12 received a letter from the school nurse last spring regarding immunizations needed for school entrance this fall. Reminders have been mailed again in August. Be sure to provide an updated immunization record to the school prior to the first day so we do not have to send your child home from school.

No child is required to receive an immunization if you are on record as a conscientious objector or if the child is medically exempt.

Get your child immunized before school starts. Make an appointment with your child’s medical care provider now. If your child is on Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare, you may contact the St. Louis County Health Department at 1-800-450-9777 for information about the Child & Teen Checkups (C&TC) Program which includes immunizations.

Preschool Programs 2019-2020

Limited spaces are available for preschool. If you are interested in information, please contact the Preschool Teacher at your local school or call or email DaNeil at 218-749-8130 ext. 1116 or dsirjord@isd2142.k12.mn.us. This program is for children the year before they go to kindergarten. Children must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2019. Current immunizations are required! **Free** options are available at all of our schools either through grant funding or scholarships!



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Seeking and Welcoming Substitutes in Our Schools

St. Louis County Schools, ISD 2142, invites you to consider applying to be a substitute for one or more of the following positions:

- Teacher
 - Paraprofessional
 - Pre-school Teacher Assistant
- ECFE Teacher Aide
 - Teacher Aide
 - Bus Driver
 - Van Driver
 - Custodian
 - Food Service Aide
 - Health Assistant
 - School Secretary

OUTDOOR RECESS GUIDELINES for Pre-K through Grade 6

ISD 2142 has developed guidelines for outdoor recess for elementary students. In the past, students have not participated in outdoor recess if the temperature or wind chill at the time of recess was zero degrees or lower. This has resulted in many days when students have not had needed physical activity during their lunch period.

Based on information available from the National Weather Service, outdoor recess guidelines have been adopted by building administrators. Students will go outside for recess each day that the temperature or wind chill combination is above 15 below zero. According to the National Weather Service, the risk of frost bite remains minimal until after 30 minutes of exposure when the temperature and/or wind chill are 15 degrees below zero provided appropriate clothing is worn.

Parents are encouraged to plan ahead to be certain their children will have appropriate outdoor attire by the time winter arrives. If it is a financial hardship for a family to provide a warm jacket, snow pants, boots, hat and mittens or gloves for their elementary age children, please contact your school health office at your earliest convenience and we will assist you to obtain these items. It is also important that children bring this outdoor clothing to school each day as students frequently own the items, but leave them at home.

Substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, pre-school teacher assistants, and ECFE teacher aides are hired through Teachers on Call. To apply for one of these positions, go to www.teachersoncall.com. Substitutes for all other positions are hired directly by the district. To apply for one of these positions, go to www.isd2142.net.

Substitute teachers must hold a valid Minnesota teaching license. Substitute paraprofessionals and pre-school teacher assistants must be highly-qualified, defined by meeting one of the following qualifications:

- Completed a minimum of 60 semester credits at an institution of higher education
- Obtained an associate's (or higher) degree
- Obtained a minimum score of 460 on the ParaPro test

If you have any questions about substituting in one or more of the positions listed above, please feel welcome to contact the district's Human Resources Director, Meredith Erickson, at 749-8130 Ext 1108.

Remember to keep Fire Lanes & No Parking Zones clear

When picking up and dropping off your children at school, or if you are attending a game or special event, remember to please keep the Fire Lanes and No Parking Zones clear of vehicles. These areas are marked and need to be kept clear for emergency vehicle use only.

A Wealth of Information is at Your Fingertips

With a few clicks of the mouse or a few touches of your fingertips, a wealth of information awaits you on the district and school websites.

The district website is home to information such as policies, registration and open enrollment forms, school year calendar, school board agendas and minutes, handbooks (students, employees, coaches), job openings, union contracts, job descriptions, and much more.

The school websites offer information such as daily announcements, school calendar of activities and events, lunch menus, staff contact information, athletic schedules, and again, much more.

Parents/guardians, students, staff, and community members are invited to check out the websites and refer to them often. If you have questions about where to find something, feel welcome to contact your school office or the district office. Our goal is to make as much information as possible available to you 24/7.

2019 Regular School Board Meetings

MEETINGS ARE AT 5 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

- Tuesday, Sept. 10 — Working Session — District Office
- Tuesday, Sept. 24 — Business Meeting* — Cherry School
- Tuesday, Oct. 8 — Working Session — District Office
- Tuesday, Oct. 22 — Business Meeting — South Ridge School
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 — Working Session — District Office
- Tuesday, Nov. 26 — Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.** — District Office
- Tuesday, Dec. 10 — Business Meeting — District Office

* Initial budget and levy
** Final budget and levy

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING



Early Childhood Screening is provided by the school district **free** of charge and is required for entrance in kindergarten and is required for participation in preschool. Screening offers a snapshot of your child’s health and development and it is recommended that children be screened around age 3-1/2.

Please contact us to have your name placed on the list so that you receive all information related to screening. We will need the child’s name and birthday, parent name, address, phone number and an email. You can call 1-218-749-8130 ex 1116 to leave your information on the voice mail for DaNeil or you can email the information to dsirjord@isd2142.k12.mn.us. Screening dates will be scheduled for October and November.

As always, if you have concerns about your child’s behavior or development, please contact DaNeil or any of the Early Childhood teachers at your local school. We are here to help!

Youth in Action students complete Twin Cities service trip

For the fifth consecutive year, students in St. Louis County’s Youth in Action program participated in three days of service and outreach in the Twin Cities. This year’s group is the largest yet with 20 students in grades 9-12 from eight schools. The team worked together on a variety of service projects, including preparing meals for families at the Ronald McDonald House, picking up trash in a public park, and helping with a landscaping project at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

The annual retreat teaches students leadership and teamwork skills; while giving them a variety of community and cultural exposures. Youth bring these new ideas and sense of involvement home to their own communities and schools on the Iron Range and in Duluth. **This year’s students are from Hibbing, Virginia, Cherry, Proctor, Duluth East, Connections Academy, Northeast Range and Blue Sky schools.** They were accompanied by Youth in Action staff Tyler Erickson, Taryn Burnett and Sarah Westerberg.

Students started their trip with a stop at a grocery store to purchase meal supplies. They then headed to the Ronald McDonald House on Oak Street in Minneapolis, where they prepared enough food for more than 90 people – the families of children who are hospitalized for treatment of life-threatening illnesses. The meal consisted of homemade chicken enchiladas, quesadillas, Spanish rice, seasoned black beans, refried beans, queso, four types of homemade salsa, fruit, snicker salad, and root beer floats.

“I learned more about the importance of helping others and being part of something bigger than myself,” said one student of the experience.

On day two, students broke into groups and worked with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board at Sumner Fields Park. This included picking up trash along the infiltration basin, removing turf, planting, weeding and mulching. They also created flower bouquets for the residents of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority.

The final day of service was held at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Students chose this project recognizing it as a new and unique opportunity to help with more than 1,200 acres of gardens, landscapes, and natural areas. Students weeded and landscaped multiple areas, including a Japanese garden and shade tree. They created a clearing below a rose garden, and helped plant and water around the property.

Among the feedback from students, one stated, “I learned that people can be raised differently, and come from different backgrounds, but we can still find things we have in common and get along.”

Another commented, “I learned how important it is for students to volunteer and serve the community, because it really builds character and pushes everyone to be better people.”

Youth in Action promotes positive youth development and public service values, and encourages students to become young leaders who are better engaged with their communities. YIA involves approximately 400 youth participants from 16 high schools in St. Louis County. To learn more about the program or opportunities for youth, visit yiamn.org.



BUILD A CHILD A LIBRARY BY AGE 5!
Donations to United Way of Northeastern Minnesota support our local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program!

To sign up a child you know for this FREE program, contact 218-254-3329 or info@uwnemn.org

Breakfast/Lunch Program... *Continued from page 5*

PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFYING FAMILY OF ACCOUNTS STATUS

- A. The parent/guardian will be notified when the household account is \$5.00 or less.
- B. The method of notifying the parent/guardian of all children will be the instant messaging system from the school office.
- C. If the student account is less than adequate to pay for breakfast and/or lunch, a student will be allowed to charge one meal. When the account is negative, the instant messaging system will be used to notify the household.

MILK

To reduce the fat content in the school lunch program, the district will be serving only 1% and skim milk. Skim milk will be available in both white and chocolate.

Upon written request from the parent/guardian, students will be provided with lactose-reduced milk. If your child is lactose intolerant, please submit your written request to your local school’s food service department. This request must be made annually.

OFFER vs SERVE

As directed by National Food and Nutrition Services, our schools operate an “offer vs serve” meal program. For breakfast each day, students are offered 4 components (milk, bread, protein and fruit); for lunch each day, students are offered 5 components (milk, bread, protein, fruit and vegetable). Students are required to take a minimum of 3 components (one of which must be a fruit or vegetable) at each meal. It is up to the students to choose the components they want.

CAMPUS FOOD SERVICE/PARENT PORTAL

Through Parent Portal, parents/guardians can monitor their students’ account balances and purchases on a daily basis. Parents/guardians who do not have access to the Internet may request a copy of the account statement at any time.

New students will be given a four-digit account number. The student enters this number on a 10-key pad at the end of the serving line. Returning students will use the same number as the previous year.

The Campus program has many settings to individualize each student’s account. Parents/guardians can request daily limits, block ala carte purchases, and block snack purchases. In coordination with health services, allergy alerts can be set up as well. Please discuss any restrictions with your child.

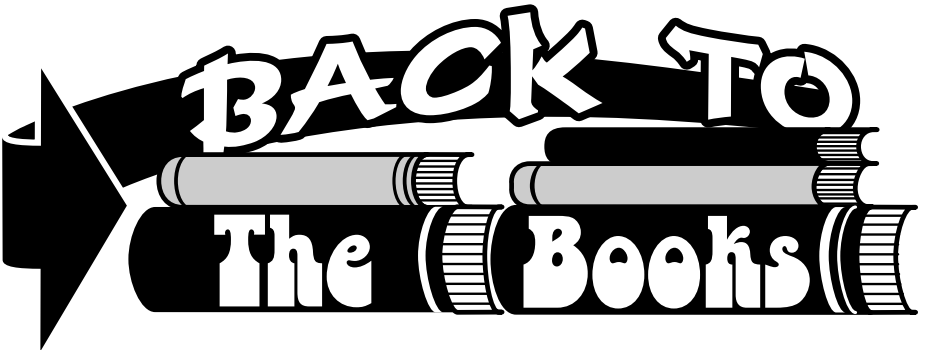
END-OF-YEAR BALANCES

All end-of-year balances carry forward to the following school year. It is highly recommended that students end the year with a small balance to assure that they have money in their accounts for the first day of school in the fall. Graduating seniors will be given the option of spending down their balance, transferring any remaining balance to other members of their household, or receiving a refund if the amount is greater than \$10.00. Also, students who withdraw during the school year or who are leaving at the end of the school year will be issued a refund if the amount remaining in the lunch account is greater than \$10.00.

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Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Fall 2019 Athletic Schedules

Volleyball matches start at 5:45- “B” and 7:00- “A” unless otherwise stated. Football games start at 7:00 unless otherwise stated. Swim meets start at 5:00 unless otherwise stated.

CHERRY TIGERS FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri., Aug. 30	Lake of the Woods	Away	7:00
Fri., Sept. 6	MIB	Away	7:00
Fri., Sept. 13	Cook County	MIB	7:00
Fri., Sept. 20	Silver Bay	Away	7:00
Fri., Sept. 27	NER	Away	3:00
Fri., Oct. 4	South Ridge	Away	7:00
Fri., Oct. 11	Ely	MIB	7:00
Wed., Oct. 16	Onamia	Away	7:00

NER NIGHTHAWKS FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri., Aug. 30	Bigfork	Away	7:00
Fri., Sept. 6	Lake of Woods	Home	3:30
Fri., Sept. 13	Silver Bay	Home	3:30
Fri., Sept. 20	South Ridge	Away	7:00
Fri., Sept. 27	Cherry	Home	3:30
Fri., Oct. 4	Ely	Home	3:30
Fri., Oct. 11	Cook County	Away	7:00
Wed., Oct. 16	Carlton	Home	3:30

NORTH WOODS GRIZZLIES FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thu., Aug. 29	I Falls	Home	7:00
Fri., Sept. 6	Rush City	Home	7:00
Fri., Sept. 13	Deer River	Away	7:00
Fri., Sept. 20	Barnum	Away	7:00
Fri., Sept. 27	Braham	Home	7:00
Fri., Oct. 4	Hinckley/Fin	Away	7:00
Fri., Oct. 11	East Central	Home	7:00
Wed., Oct. 16	Chisholm	Away	7:00

SOUTH RIDGE PANTHERS FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri., Aug. 30	Carlton	Away	7:00
Fri., Sept. 6	Cromwell	Home	7:00
Fri., Sept. 13	Ely	Away	7:00
Fri., Sept. 20	NER	Home	7:00
Fri., Sept. 27	Cook County	Away	7:00
Fri., Oct. 4	Cherry	Home	7:00
Thu., Oct. 10	Silver Bay	Away	7:00
Wed., Oct. 16	Kelliher/Northome	Home	7:00

CHERRY TIGERS VOLLEYBALL

Tue., Sept. 3	Chisholm	Away
Thu., Sept. 5	Ely	Home
Sat., Sept. 7	Greenway Tourney	Away
Tue., Sept. 10	Floodwood	Away
Mon., Sept. 16	ML/WR	Away
Tue., Sept. 17	North Woods	Home
Thu., Sept. 19	MIB	Home
Sat., Sept. 21	Virginia Tourney	Away
Tue., Sept. 24	Carlton	Away
Thu., Sept. 26	Bigfork	Home
Tue., Oct. 1	LF/BF	Home
Thu., Oct. 3	Nashwauk-Keewatin	Home
Tue., Oct. 8	Eveleth-Gilbert	Away
Fri., Oct. 11	South Ridge	Away
Mon., Oct. 14	Northeast Range	Away
Tue., Oct. 15	Mesabi East	Home

PANTHER CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 29	at Cook County, 1 p.m.
Sept. 5	Eagle Ridge Golf Course, 4 p.m.
Sept. 12	Inv. at Eveleth-Gilbert, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Milaca, 10 a.m.
Sept. 26	Inv. at Hibbing, 4 p.m.
Oct. 3	Inv. at Crosby, 3 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Cook County, 1 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Proctor, 4 p.m.
Oct. 24	Sec. Tourney at Cloquet, 11 a.m.

NORTHEAST RANGE NIGHTHAWKS VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tue., Aug. 27	Ely	Away	7:00
Thu., Sept. 5	MIB	Home	7:00
Sat., Sept. 7	Grrnway Tourney	Away	9:30
Mon., Sept. 9	South Ridge	Away	6:30
Tue., Sept. 10	LF-BF	Home	7:15
Tue., Sept. 17	LCA	Home	6:30
Sat., Sept. 21	Virginia Tourney	Away	9 am
Mon., Sept. 23	Chisholm	Away	7:00
Thu., Sept. 26	North Woods	Away	7:00
Mon., Sept. 30	Ely	Home	7:00
Tue., Oct. 1	N-K	Away	7:00
Thu., Oct. 3	Hill City	Home	7:00
Sat., Oct. 5	Mesabi E. Tourney	Away	TBD
Mon., Oct. 7	Duluth Marshall	Away	5:45
Thu., Oct. 10	Silver Bay	Home	6:30
Mon., Oct. 14	Cherry	Home	7:00
Tue., Oct. 15	Floodwood	Away	7:00

NORTH WOODS GRIZZLIES VOLLEYBALL

Mon., Aug. 26	MIB	Away
Tue., Aug. 27	I Falls	Away
Tue., Sept. 3	Bigfork	Home
Thu., Sept. 5	Mesabi East	Home
Mon., Sept. 9	Deer River	Home
Tue., Sept. 10	Eveleth/Gilbert	Away
Thu., Sept. 12	LBF	Home
Sat., Sept. 14	Hill City Tourney	Away
Tue., Sept. 17	Cherry	Away
Thu., Sept. 19	Ely	Away
Sat., Sept. 21	Virginia Tourney	Away
Thu., Sept. 26	NE Range	Home
Mon., Sept. 30	Cook County	Away
Sat., Oct. 5	Mesabi East Tourney	Away
Mon., Oct. 7	N-K	Home
Mon., Oct. 14	Chisholm	Away
Tue., Oct. 15	South Ridge	Home

SOUTH RIDGE PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tue., Aug. 27	Cromwell	Away	7:00
Thu., Aug. 29	Two Harbors	Away	7:00
Thu., Sept. 5	Barnum	Away	7:00
Mon., Sept. 9	Northeast Range	Home	6:30
Thu., Sept. 12	Cook County	Home	6:30
Tue., Sept. 17	Silver Bay	Home	6:30
Thu., Sept. 19	ML/WR	Away	7:00
Sat., Sept. 21	Virginia Tourney	Away	9 am
Mon., Sept. 23	McGregor	Home	7:00
Tue., Sept. 24	MI-B	Home	7:00
Tue., Oct. 1	Wrenshall	Home	7:00
Thu., Oct. 3	Floodwood	Away	7:00
Sat., Oct. 5	Proctor	Away	9 am
Tue., Oct. 8	Carlton	Home	7:00
Fri., Oct. 11	Cherry	Home	7:00
Mon., Oct. 14	Esko	Home	7:00
Tue., Oct. 15	North Woods	Away	7:00

NER SWIMMING

Tue., Aug. 27	I Falls, 3:00	Away
Thu., Sept. 5	Mesabi East	Away
Thu. Sept. 12	Duluth Denfeld	Away
Thu., Sept. 19	Chisholm, 4:30	Home
Sat., Sept. 21	Soderlind Invite	Away
Tue., Sept. 24	Two Harbors	Away
Thu., Sept. 26	Eveleth-Gilbert	Home
Thu., Oct. 3	Triangular	Cloquet
Sat., Oct. 5	Taconite Invite, 12:00	Mesabi
Mon., Oct. 7	Virginia First Years (JH/JV)	Away
Tue., Oct. 8	Virginia	Home
Sat., Oct. 12	True Team (Hibbing)	Away
Tue., Oct. 22	Chisholm, 4:30	Away
Thu., Oct. 24	Eveleth/Gilbert Jamboree	Away
Tue., Oct. 29	ME Pumpkin Quad, TBD	Away
Sat., Nov. 2	Little Giants (JH/JV), TBD	ME
Thu., Nov. 7	Sections	TBA
Sat., Nov. 9	Sections	TBA