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Welcome Back!



Supt. Reggie Engebritson, Ed.D.

Welcome Back! We are looking forward to a great school year ahead! We continue to operate under the MTSS umbrella. What does this mean? MTSS stands for Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. We continue to look at multiple ways to help our students learn and grow, because we know that one size, or one way of doing things, does not fit all.

One of the many things we are working on this year, under this MTSS umbrella, is the wellness of our staff and students. The last two years have been challenging ones and it's important that we acknowledge what we have all been through. As we move forward, we are learning how to take care of ourselves so we can better take care of our students. The research has been clear for years – relationships matter. But, what does that actually mean? Is it just wel-

coming students as they come through the school house doors and hope that they will sit in their desks and learn something and repeat the same process the next day and the next day? No. It's more than that.

We were fortunate to have received a Project Aware grant from the MN Department of Education (MDE) last year. Only three other districts in the state received this five-year grant. The end goal of the grant is to create a mental health system that is sustainable and can carry on for years to come. Part of this grant has been offering training to staff on Brain Basics. By understanding the functions of the brain, we can better help our students who may be struggling on certain days. And we can help ourselves when we are having a rough day, yet still need to work with kids and do our jobs.

When we are upset about something, our brains may not be thinking logically. We focus on how we are feeling in that moment and we may want to scream and shout or go for a run or have a good cry. If someone told us that we needed to calm down and sit down and balance our checkbook, when we are upset about something, we'd look at them like they were crazy and we would probably become more upset. It's no different for kids. When something upsets them, telling them to sit down and do their school work is not

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✓ St. Louis County Schools ✓ 2022-2023 Back-to-School Checklist

- ☐ Send an email to portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us with a request to set up a Parent Portal if you do not already have one or if you forgot your password.
- ☐ Go to your Parent Portal to complete the Online Student Registration (OLR).
- ☐ Complete the Application for Educational Benefits. **ALL FAMILIES NEED TO DO THIS AS THIS PROVIDES BENEFITS TO ALL FAMILIES**, whether directly or indirectly. You can access the application through your Parent Portal or the school's website under Parent Resources. For this year, a paper version is included in your enrollment packet or may be picked up at the school office. Remember, this is about more than free lunch. This impacts how our schools are funded and also impacts how much you may need to pay for athletic fees.
- ☐ Return your emergency card. Contact the health staff regarding any special health-related arrangements.
- ☐ If you want to register your child for preschool, contact DaNeil Sirjord at dsirjord@isd2142.k12.mn.us or 749-8130 ext 1116, or call your school office and ask for a preschool teacher. They will be able to assist you with registering your preschooler.
- ☐ A list of the school supplies your child(ren) will need is available on your school website or at the school office.
- ☐ Set up optional on-line payments through your Parent Portal. Payment options are sports fees, etc. A recurring payment option is available. You may still pay in cash directly at the school office. There are no technology insurance fees this year and free breakfast and lunch are available for all students this year.
- ★ If you have any questions concerning your Parent Portal throughout the year, please send an email to: portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us.
- ★ IMPORTANT: Please inform your school office **ASAP** if you have any personal information changes throughout the year such as address, phone numbers, etc.
- ★ We are all in this together! Our goal as a community is to keep our children healthy and safe while making this a great school year for them!

District wellness grant adds to student/staff learning

By Lee Bloomquist

St. Louis County Schools is one of three districts in the state to be awarded a grant to help with student and staff wellness.

“It really complements what we already have going on with Project AWARE,” Alicia Dick, St. Louis County Schools Independent School District No. 2142 Project AWARE coordinator said. “We are going to take better care of our teachers and will be doing more leadership with students.”

An application to the Minnesota

Department of Education's Safe and Supportive School division landed the two-year, \$150,000 grant. Under the grant, training will be offered to teachers at each St. Louis County Schools campus that will help them in the classroom.

“It really gives teachers tools to work with students who are challenging in the classroom,” Dick said. “For students, we will be identifying students who are leading positively and help them shape more positively.”

The program includes six training sessions per year for staff at each St. Louis County Schools site. Staff who are trained under the program will in turn train other staff members.

“We also can collaborate with other districts in the state about different practices,” Dick said. “We are really wanting to be trained to make sure we understand each other better and are building communities of safety.”

St. Louis County Schools continues to implement programs that address the

social-emotional wellness of students and support district staff, according to Dick.

Within the last year, the district started a federally-funded Check and Connect program aimed at helping students re-engage in their education and Project AWARE, a program to assist students with social-emotional and mental health issues. That program was also funded through a Minnesota Department of Education grant.

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Online Registration for St. Louis County Schools

Our online registration system decreases the amount of paperwork you need to complete annually and also provides an efficient way for you to ensure that we have the most current information on file for your child(ren).

Please follow the instructions below. If you have any questions, call your school office. Online registration questions can also be emailed to portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us.

You can complete these steps on a computer or on your mobile phone App. You can download the "Campus Parent" App from your Parent Portal or the App Store.

START HERE IF YOUR FAMILY IS NOT NEW to our district [you have a child or children who attended one of our schools any time in the past]. This link will allow you to add a new child to your family.

- ☐ **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.**
- ☐ **Step 2.) Log into your Parent Portal. There you can access the ONLINE STUDENT REGISTRATION. Complete your registration following the instructions provided, which are:**

1. Choose the option below that best describes your situation. Choose "current student."

2. Complete the steps in the registration process and submit.

3. Look for an email when your registration is approved.
- ☐ **Step 3.) Complete the Application for Educational Benefits. All families need to do this as this form provides benefits to all families, whether directly or indirectly. Access the form online through your Parent Portal or on your school's website under "Parent Resources." Click "More" and choose "Meal Benefits." For this year, a paper version is included in your enrollment packet or may be picked up at the school office.** This application helps determine the school's funding from the state so please take a few minutes to fill it out. You will also need to complete the application for discounted athletic fees.

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>

Use this link only if your family is new to St. Louis County Schools. **Do NOT** use this link if you already have students enrolled in the 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, continue with Step 3 above.

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

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going to work. We need to help them get calm. We need to keep ourselves calm so we can help them. We need to understand that this kid did not wake up in the morning and decide to make our day more challenging by having a behavior. We can't take it personal. And we need to work as a team so we can support each other and do this work together. Because it's about kids. And that's why we are here.

My hope is to share more with you as the year progresses about the work we are doing. The hope is to give staff more tools in their toolboxes as they do their work – whether it is as a teacher, or a para, or working in the office or the kitchen, or driving the bus. Fortunately, we don't need to be licensed therapists to make a difference and to help kids. The Project Aware grant is going to help us learn new ways of understanding how relationships matter so kids are at their best for learning.

On a totally different note, COVID is still around and I will continue to monitor what is happening in our schools and keep you notified if we need to do something different. Last year, we had to report daily cases to the MN Department of Health (MDH). This year, we only report weekly any positive cases at each of our schools. We will start the school year with these guidelines:

- If a person tests positive, they need to stay home for five days. This is five days from the first day of symptoms or five days from the date they tested positive.
- They can return to school on Day 6 if there has been no fever for 24 hours and they are feeling better.
- You do not need a negative test to

return to school.

- If you are a close contact to someone, you do not need to stay home.
- Masks are optional at any time.

Please make sure your contact information is correct in CAMPUS, which is our Student Management System. I use CAMPUS to send out emails and leave you voice messages.

As we begin another school year, please remember that we are in this together. As I say many times, "I can't fix what I don't know." If you have questions or concerns, talk to your child's teacher. After that, you can talk to the Dean of Students and/or the Principal. After that, you can reach out to me. If I don't know the answer, I'll get you the answer, but oftentimes the teacher or principal have the answer first.

As we focus on the wellness of ourselves and others, it helps to remind ourselves that most people wake up each day and want to do their best. The same goes for kids. We all have challenges during the day. If we have days where we aren't handling our challenges very well, isn't it nice to know that there are others around us who will be there to support us and help us through? We are social creatures and we need each other.

I'm looking forward to a year of new beginnings, new friendships, new understandings and new growth. Together, we can make this year the best one yet for our students and for our staff. And especially, for ourselves. Put your oxygen mask on first, they tell you before the flight takes off. You can't support/help/teach/parent anyone else, if you don't take care of yourself first. Wellness matters.

SCHOOL BOARD

District/School	Contact Information	Term
1 / North Woods	Pat Christensen Home (218) 757-3530 Cell (218) 780-7532 E-mail pchristensen@isd2142.k12.mn.us	1/2021 – 12/2024
2 / North Woods	Dan Manick Cell (218) 410-9006 E-mail dmanick@isd2142.k12.mn.us	1/2019 – 12/2022
3 / Tower-Soudan		
4 / NE Range	Chris Koivisto Cell (218) 235-7374 E-mail ckoivisto@isd2142.k12.mn.us	1/2021 – 12/2024
5 / Cherry	Lynn Hilde Cell (218) 929-6015 E-mail lhilde@isd2142.k12.mn.us	1/2021 – 12/2022
6 / South Ridge	Chet Larson Home (218) 345-6662 Cell (218) 349-1959 E-mail clarson@isd2142.k12.mn.us	1/2021 – 12/2024
7 / South Ridge	Bob Larson Home (218) 345-6470 Cell (218) 341-3701 E-mail blarson@isd2142.k12.mn.us	1/2021 – 12/2024

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Northeast Range School 827-3101 Kelly Engman, Principal kengman@isd2142.k12.mn.us Joan Kjorsvig, Counselor jkjorsvig@isd2142.k12.mn.us	
South Ridge School 345-6789 Andrew Bernard, Principal abernard@isd2142.k12.mn.us Jessica Bialke, Dean jbialke@isd2142.k12.mn.us Tricia Neubarth, Counselor tneubarth@isd2142.k12.mn.us	
Tower-Soudan School 753-4040 John Jirik, Principal jjirik@isd2142.k12.mn.us	

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The grants help staff have a better understanding of how to work with students, which in turn benefits student learning, Dr. Reggie Engebritson, St. Louis County Schools ISD 2142 superintendent, said.

“The overall big picture is to help staff understand the basics of the brain and what helps the brain be ready for optimal learning,” Engebritson said. “The days of kids coming into class, taking their seats in nice, even rows and looking at the teacher ready to learn are gone (if they ever existed). Kids come to us with a variety of needs and challenges. This can be overwhelming at times for our staff and students. Knowing how to take care of ourselves and how to regulate our emotions will help staff approach students with a positive and growth mindset. This will help students feel connected and accepted, which is a prerequisite to learning.”

This year, each campus will also have “sensory walks,” within each school building designed to help students maintain their focus and engage their minds and bodies, Dick said.

The district is also looking to implement suicide prevention programming, Dick said.

“We’re really just looking at a district-wide system and a paradigm change,” Dick said. “We’re looking at how we work with kids, how we support kids, how we can better support teachers, and how we build a safe and supportive system. The healthier we are in our schools and the safer we are has a kind of trickle down effect.”

“Our end goal is to have a mental health system that is sustainable and is able to be carried on for years,” Engebritson said.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS 2022-2023

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, 2022. Current immunizations are required!



School	Preschool Teachers	email
Cherry	Deb Spencer Jocelyn Jerkovich	dspencer@isd2142.k12.mn.us jaerkovich@isd2142.k12.mn.us
North Woods	Becky Chopp	bchopp@isd2142.k12.mn.us
Northeast Range	Danielle Cherne-Wiener	danielle.cherne-wiener@aeoa.org
South Ridge	Edwyna Scouton Heather Krohn	escouton@isd2142.k12.mn.us hkrohn@isd2142.k12.mn.us
Tower-Soudan	Mary Larson	mlarson@isd2142.k12.mn.us

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERING
DAY TRIPS TO THE TWIN CITIES AREA!



Community Education is again offering one-day bus trips for our community members to venues in the Twin Cities. If you like theatre, the first trip will be Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, to Chanhassen to see the musical “Footloose.” To the rockin’ rhythm of its Oscar and Tony nominated Top Forty score, “Footloose” celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people while guiding them with a warm heart and open mind.

You will ride on a deluxe motorcoach bus (includes a bathroom on the bus) to Chanhassen for a 1:00 matinee performance and enjoy lunch of your choice at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. The cost for this trip includes the bus, show ticket, and lunch and is \$145 per person. You must register by Sept. 15 at 5:00 p.m. The bus will head back home after the show.

If your passion is sports, a trip to see the Minnesota Wild may be more to your liking. Head to the Xcel Energy Center on a deluxe motorcoach bus (again includes a bathroom on the bus) on Saturday, April 8, 2023, to see the Wild play the St. Louis Blues at 2:00 p.m. and return home after the game. The cost for the bus and game ticket is \$150 per person, and you won’t need to worry about driving or parking! This game is also near the end of the regular hockey season – reserve your space now to see potential playoff teams at a lower cost!

Tickets are limited, so be sure to sign up early. Departures for both trips are from Cherry School, Virginia Village Inn, and South Ridge School. To get more information on these trips, including departure and return times, and to register for these trips, go to <https://slc2142.revtrak.net/> and choose your closest school, or contact Lenny Johnson at srce@isd2142.k12.mn.us or (218) 345-6720 for other registration options and information.



Recurring Online Payments

An online payment feature is available 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 Cathy Aune at 749-8130, ext. 1111.

ECFE – Early Childhood Family Education



Classes are offered at all of our schools for children infant to kindergarten entrance and their parents.

ECFE staff will be mailing information to all households on our Early Childhood mailing list in early September. If you have questions about ECFE, please contact the ECFE staff at your school!

Classes include a time for parents and children to do activities together and a time apart when parents meet with other parents while children remain with the teacher and play. This program builds independence, language skills, and group interaction skills. It is a great way to meet families with young children in your community! 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. We will post information online also!

School	Staff	email
Cherry	Lori Udovich, Parent Educator Amber Asbach, Child Educator	ludovich@isd2142.k12.mn.us aasbach@isd2142.k12.mn.us
North Woods	Lori Udovich, Parent Educator	ludovich@isd2142.k12.mn.us
Northeast Range	Sarah Hansen, Parent Educator	shansen@isd2142.k12.mn.us
South Ridge	Christina Nelson, Child Educator Sara Lorbiecki-Brown, Parent Educator	chrison@isd2142.k12.mn.us slorbieckibrown@isd2142.k12.mn.us
Tower-Soudan	Sarah Hansen, Parent Educator	shansen@isd2142.k12.mn.us

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

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 Carter, at 749-8130 Ext 1108.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING



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

If you are not on our Early Childhood mailing list, please contact us so we can add you and your child to the list so that you receive all information related to screening. We will need the child’s legal name including middle initial and birthday, parent name, address, phone number and an email address. 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 dsirjor@isd2142.k12.mn.us

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!

BACK TO SCHOOL



PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

As you help your child(ren) get ready for the upcoming school year, make sure to schedule immunization updates and sports physicals with their medical provider.

All students participating in junior high or high school sports are required to have a MSHSL sports physical on file. Physicals are good for 2-3 years.

Students entering Kindergarten, 7th grade and 12th grade require updated immunizations.

Please contact Gabrielle Christianson in the school nurse offices with any questions (218-749-8130 x1122).

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Help us build our Early Childhood Mailing List!



Do you have a child under the age of 5?

If so, we would like to add you to our
Early Childhood mailing list

Please call or email DaNeil at 218-749-8130 or
dsirjord@isd2142.k12.mn.us

Or you can contact your school Early Childhood team and
ask them to add you to the Early Childhood mailing list

WE NEED:

Parent and child’s legal names, child’s birthday,
address, phone number, and an email address

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

HEALTH PROCEDURES

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to another school year. This letter is to inform you of our state and district school health procedures.

School Attendance: Healthy students are better learners. Daily attendance is highly encouraged. If your child will be absent, please contact the school secretary in the morning and state why your child cannot attend. Please report any contagious diseases: Coronavirus, Influenza, Strep Throat, Impetigo, Pink Eye, Chicken Pox, etc.

Immunizations: Minnesota law requires all students to have updated immunization records, unless there is a medical exemption or conscientious objection on file in the Health Office. Students with incomplete immunization records **will not** be allowed to attend school until the immunizations are up to date and on file in the Health Office.

Student Health Conditions: Many of our students have health conditions, which may interfere with learning or result in safety concerns at school. Please carefully complete the Health Survey, which is included in the online registration, and fill out the emergency card included in your back-to-school mailing. If a health concern exists, the school nurse will contact you to discuss this.

Medications: All medication for students **MUST be brought to the school by an adult**. It **MUST** be in the original container or prescription bottle. A parent or guardian and physician **MUST** sign a medication consent form.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters. Please feel free to contact the Health Office with any concerns.

ALL FAMILIES are asked to complete the 2022-2023 Application for Educational Benefits

Your school qualifies for education funding and discounts as a result of families completing the application. It is not used only for nutrition benefits.

The form may look intense, but it truly takes only a few minutes to complete. Please do so today. If you did not receive a form, you can find it on your school’s website or can contact the school office to request it.

You may return the form in whatever manner is most convenient for you:

- 1) Drop off or mail to your school or the district office (1701 No. 9th Ave, Virginia, MN 55792).
- 2) Mail to Educational Benefits Coordinator, Deb Olson at 10248 Olson Road East, Cook, MN 55723.
- 3) Email to dolson@isd2142.k12.mn.us



Save Receipts For Your Child’s Education Expenses

If you’re buying school supplies for your children in kindergarten through 12th grade, you may qualify for one or both of these tax relief programs:

- K-12 Education Subtraction
- K-12 Education Credit

Save your receipts, because both programs can help lower your taxes and may provide a larger refund when filing your Minnesota income tax return.

Last year, more than 19,000 families received the K-12 Education Credit and saved an average of \$261. Nearly 130,000 families received the K-12 Education Subtraction with an average subtraction of \$1,207.

Common Expenses That Qualify:

- School supplies (pencils, paper, calculators)
- Educational computer hardware and software
- Tutoring K-12 curriculum by a qualified instructor
- Rental or purchase of musical instruments used during school

Expenses That Do Not Qualify:

- School supplies not used in education (backpacks, tissues, organizers)
- Clothing, including school uniforms (except required gym clothes)
- School lunches
- Family trip to museum or zoo

Do I qualify?

To qualify for either the credit or subtraction, both of these must be true:

- You purchased educational services or materials to assist with your child’s education
- Your child is attending kindergarten through 12th grade at a public, private, or home school

Income limits for Each Program

K-12 Education Credit: Your household income (taxable and nontaxable income) must be below the levels shown here. If you qualify for the credit, you must file a Minnesota return to claim a refund.

Number of qualifying children in K-12:	Household income must be less than:
1 or 2	\$37,500
3	\$39,500
4 or more	Add \$2,000 for each additional child

K-12 Education Subtraction: There are no income limits for the education subtraction.

For more information on these programs and other valuable tax information, visit www.revenue.state.mn.us and enter **K12** in the Search box or call us at 651-296-3781 or 800-652-9094.

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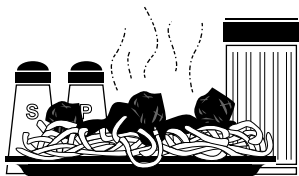


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2022-2023 Food Service Meal Prices

Breakfast - \$1.85 for elementary and high school students

Lunch - \$2.45 for elementary students and \$2.80 for high school students



Students qualifying receive free breakfast and lunch.*
All Kindergarten students qualify for/receive free breakfast.

Breakfast and Lunch menus are available on school websites

***The 2022-2023 Application for Education Benefits is available on school websites or may be obtained at the school offices**

Keep Fire Lanes & No Parking Areas Clear

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

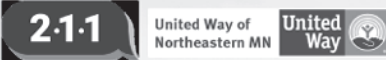


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Contact 211 today for expert, caring help with food, health care, housing and utilities payment assistance, employment services, veterans' services, childcare, crisis and emergency counseling, disaster assistance, and more.

Call 211 for immediate assistance or visit 211.org for more info.



2022-2023 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
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*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.
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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

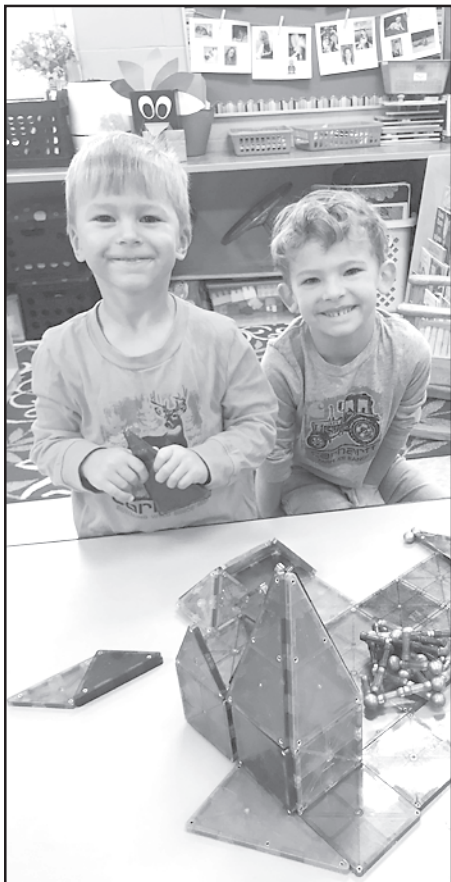
Age 0 through 5	Free
ISD 2142 students*	Free with current Student ID
Other students	\$3.00 per game (includes college students with current year college ID)
Adults	\$5.00 per game
Seniors (Age 65+)	Free w/ Lifetime Sports Pass (available in School Offices) or by showing ID (w/ DOB)
ISD 2142 Staff	Free 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.

Parents— We are here for you!

Check out the Parenting Resources section on our website at <https://www.isd2142.net/page/3003>

On the website you will find four different newsletters that are changed monthly along with a family engagement library full of short brochures on a variety of topics for parents



CHECK IT OUT

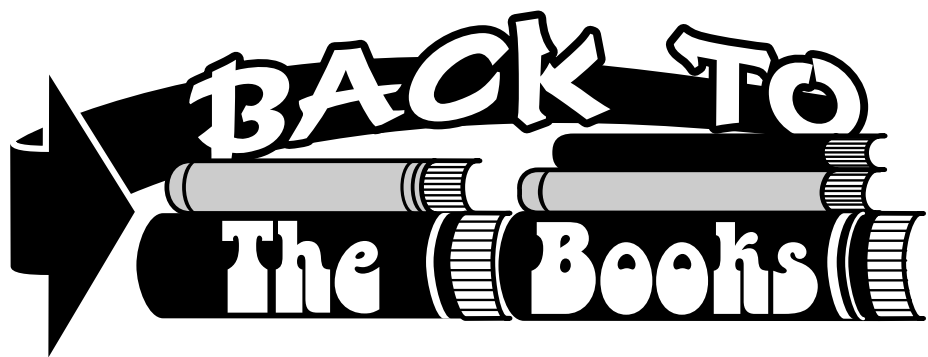
Our district and school websites provide up-to-date information for students, staff, and community members in a timely manner.

You will find these things AND MORE: school-related news; forms; inclement weather notices; the district newspaper; school board agendas, minutes, and policies; handbooks (student, employee, MSHSL/ coaches); job postings, union contracts, calendars (school year, school board meetings, school activities and events); staff contact information; school daily announcements; lunch menus; athletic schedules.



The district website is located at [isd2142.net](https://www.isd2142.net). Each school has its own website. If you search for your school by name (Cherry School, North Woods School, Northeast Range School, South Ridge School, or Tower-Soudan School), you'll find a link to your school website.

If you have questions about where to find something on one of our websites, 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.



2022 Regular School Board Meetings

Meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Day	Date	Type	Location
Tue	Sep 13	Working Session	District Office
Tue	Sep 27	Business Meeting**	South Ridge
Tue	Oct 11	Working Session*	District Office
Tue	Oct 25	Business Meeting	Cherry
Tue	Nov 8	Working Session*	District Office
Tue	Nov 22	Business Meeting	District Office
Tue	Dec 13	Business Meeting 5:30 p.m.	District Office
Tue	Dec 13	Truth-in-Taxation 6:00 pm***	District Office

* Meeting must end by 6 p.m.

** Initial budget and levy *** Final budget and levy

ECFE NATURE HIKE



Pictured are members of a past South Ridge Early Childhood Class exploring the school forest where they found this huge rock. Taking a nature hike is just one of the many activities enjoyed by ECFE classes.

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